

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m., Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Increasing
northerly winds, fine and continued dry,
coldly cold.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Royal—Ponjola.
Capitol—To the Ladies.
Empress—Living Room.
Pavilion—His Smothered Love.
Columbia—The Face On the Barroom Floor.

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THE TIMES EXTENDS NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

Moody Analyzes Outlook for 1924 Business Men

It Will be a Constructive Year,
With Good Revival After
Middle, He Says

Conditions Now Right For
New Period of Prosperity;
Labor and Trade Stable



JOHN MOODY
Special to The Victoria Times
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NEWS YORK, Dec. 31.—Here's a business and financial forecast made by John Moody, analyst, who probably has a closer touch on the pulse of business conditions than any other man in the country:

1924 On the whole, a constructive year, with business good and marking the beginning of a period of longer prosperity.

Moody is not swayed by sentiment. Cold facts are his fodder. He has been in the financial atmosphere for more than 30 years and is now president of Moody's Investors Service which was founded in 1908 for the development of the Moody Rating System on Investments and to furnish expert reports and advice on business and investment conditions to banks, bankers, business men and investors. He has frequently gone abroad to investigate the foreign situation and is in close touch with European problems.

"Speaking broadly," he says, "look upon 1924 with considerable optimism. We will find it on the whole a constructive year, with the rapidity of progress depending somewhat on political developments."

IS OPTIMISTIC

"There are certain fundamental facts that indicate the possibilities for a good year. For the past six months or more we have been in a period of more or less financial contraction. A study of the financial exhibits shows that bank reserves are being built up; merchants' liabilities are not greatly expanded; there are no long-term great inflated inventories of the type of 1920; interest rates are relatively low and have been tending to remain so all the Fall; the season when they usually tighten up."

"Notwithstanding the activity in business, reserves are being built up which are unusual forerunners of a period of prosperity. The notion which prevailed a year ago, that we might run into a new period of inflation, has not been borne out by the facts."

"For big business has been acting more optimistically than it did during the period of wild inflation in 1919 and 1920. There has been little tendency to over-expand and stock up with goods in anticipation of a boom. Most business men still remember the smash of 1920 and have learned a lesson in case of another one."

"The two primary factors make for healthy conditions for the inauguration of a new period of prosperity immediately ahead of us. There may be only moderate evidence of this business revival until the middle of the new year. But if there is a decided improvement in politics and other constructive political developments take place, real business revival may be evident much earlier. Like everything else, psychological factors enter into business conditions."

Then taking up the leading industry, Moody said this:

"**FARMERS:** Agriculture has been behind the procession for several years but the farmers are, on the whole, better off than they were a year or two ago. This improvement should continue during 1924 if weather conditions prove favorable and markets do not contract to any great extent."

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Part of Petrograd Under Water While Neva River Flooded

Moscow, Dec. 31.—Reports from Petrograd say part of the city is submerged under the waters of the Neva which has flooded its banks despite the severe winter weather. Many factories have been inundated. The Neva is full of icebergs floating in from Lake Ladoga.

APPOINT MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY'S GOVERNING BOARD

Appointment of H. C. Shaw and J. N. Ellis, of Vancouver, to the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia was announced by Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education, to-day. They will succeed the late Dr. Scott and Dr. McKechnie.

REPRESENTED C.P.R. IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR CRYSTAL GARDEN

BASIL GARDOM

Superintendent of Construction Ho-

NATIONALIST PARTY OF INDIA VOTES FOR ASIATIC FEDERATION

Poona, India, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable via Reuter's)—The Indian National Congress, after a lively debate, by a vote of 775 to 205 accepted, subject to a reference to a committee, the Indian National pact calling for the federation of the Asiatic peoples "for the emancipation of Asia."

The Congress, however, declined to treat similarly a Bengal Swarajist Hindu-Moslem pact, which was rejected.

VICEROY OF INDIA RETURNS TO DELHI

Ends His Tour of Burma Be-
cause of Afghan Trouble

Increasing Tension Because of Raids Over Border

Rangoon, British India, Dec. 31.—The Viceroy has curtailed his tour to Burma and is returning to Delhi because of the Afghan trouble.

There is an increasing tension because of the raids over the Northwestern frontier.

Mohamed Ali, president of the Indian National Congress, denies the possibility of an Afghan invasion, saying "the Kabul pony can not swallow the Indian elephant."

Recent dispatches from London report the capture of seven British officers and women across the Northwestern frontier of India by Afghan tribesmen. As a result of these crimes, it was said relations with Afghanistan were strained and British officials in London asserted that unless a satisfactory settlement was reached the Government's Minister of Native Affairs would call on the Afghan Government. It was added that steps to co-operate with Indian troops in hunting down the murderers.

KIYOURA MAY BE
JAPANESE PREMIER

Cabinet Probably Will Include
Members of Both Houses

Announcement is Expected in
Tokio This Week

Tokio, Dec. 31.—It is understood the festivities attendant upon the celebration of the New Year will delay selection of a new Cabinet probably until January 2. Unofficial forecasts favor the selection of Kiego Kiyoura, now President of the Privy Council, as Premier, with a Cabinet composed of members of the leading parties drawn from both Houses of Parliament.

**Man in a Heavy
Suit Lies in Snow
Awaiting Wolves**

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 31.—Stanley Clarkson, of St. Paul, Minn., who hunts wolves in a steel-spiked cowboy suit using an axe as a battonet with a long spike on the end of the handle and a twelve-inch hunting knife, refusing to use fire-arms, is in the district west of here awaiting wolves.

His method of hunting is to go back in the timber, sleep out in the snow at night and wait for the wolves to attack him. He expects to make short work of the pack with his spiked axe and hunting knife.

He is at present working in the bush near Atikokan getting acclimated and waiting for the heavy snows.

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City to Give 1923 a Jolly Burial at Midnight To-night

Victoria will say good-bye to 1923 and give a rousing reception to 1924 at midnight to-night.

* Preparations for various dances and entertainments indicate that 1923 is likely to have a merry burial and 1924 a jolly reception. The whistling north wind and Victorians turn up their coat collars to-day apparently will not interfere with to-night's celebrations.

Tissue-paper hats, horns, bells, confetti, serpentine and all the usual trimmings will be used in profusion to-night as guests attended and private parties join in a thundering and merriment dirge as the year of the Old Year.

Midnight celebrations will centre chiefly in the Empress Hotel, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and the Armories. The hotel will be the scene of a gay supper and ball. The Yacht Club always the scene of gay New Year's parties, will be gay to-night at a carnival dance arranged by the hospital yachtsmen. Knights of Pythias' dance at the Armories also promises to attract a large crowd. Numerous smart, private parties will be added to the gaiety of 1924's birthday.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY RECEPTIONS GIVEN

Official and Private Functions
Afford Men Social
Opportunity

In accordance with social usage in Victoria opportunity will be given to-morrow to the men of the family to punctiliously carry out their social round.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will receive at Government House from 3 to 5 o'clock. Dean Quainton will be at home. The senior naval officer and other officers of the Royal Canadian Navy, Esquimalt, will receive from 2 to 5 in the naval officers' mess, Esquimalt; Brigadier-General Ross, G.O.C., and officers of the Garrison will be at home at the officers' mess, Work Point, from 2 to 6. Mayor Hayward is receiving at 3 to 6.

At Bishopspoint the Bishop of Esquimalt and Mr. Schenck will be at home to their friends from 3 to 5.30. This reception is not confined to gentlemen callers, and is the only official reception this year which husbands and wives can attend jointly, as the customary New Year reception of the Provincial and members of the administration will not be held at the Legislative Buildings this year.

A number of members are away on holiday, and the function has been eliminated in favor of private receptions by those Ministers who are in the city at their own homes.

The principal stores and offices throughout the city will be closed for the day.

NO PAPER TO-MORROW

There will be no issue of The Times to-morrow, January 1.

MAYOR RECEIVES CONGRATULATION ON BY-LAW PASSAGE

D. C. COLEMAN PLEASED WITH
RESULT OF SATURDAY'S
VOTE

CITIZENS EXPRESS SATISFACTION
AT DECISION OF ELECTORATE

Sentiment, both in the city and in other sections of the country, voices approval of the action of the ratepayers of Victoria in supporting in such an emphatic manner the agreement between the city and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to build an Amusement Centre in Victoria, work upon which is to commence by December 1, 1924.

To Mayor Hayward, D. C. Coleman, vice-president of western lines of the C.P.R., who has been closely identified with the project and whose company became active in the matter, sends the following message:

"I should like to express to you and the citizens of Victoria our sincere appreciation of the almost unanimous support accorded by the ratepayers to the by-law submitted yesterday. It was a demonstration of confidence and good will which we greatly appreciate. We join you in the hope that the amusement centre will be a creditable addition to the attractions of Victoria and will thus contribute to its continued growth and prosperity."

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G. C. JONES, OF
C.N.R. TELEGRAPHS,
DIED IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 31.—George C. Jones, General Manager of the Canadian National Telegraphs, was found dead in his apartment in the National Club here this morning.

Baldwin and Cabinet
Make Preparations to
Meet New Commons

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable)—Premier Baldwin, who is expected to return to town to-day, will probably summon the Cabinet for a meeting on Wednesday, when points for the King's Speech, which naturally will contain what the ministers in their present plight propose to submit by way of a programme when the House meets, will be discussed. Ram Macdonald, the Labor leader, will return to London later in the week, making the journey from Los Angeles by easy stages and taking counsel with his followers en route.

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OLIVER WISHES THE PEOPLE OF B.C. HAPPY NEW YEAR

Premier Oliver issued the following New Year's message to-day on behalf of the Provincial Government:

"The Premier and members of the Executive Council wish the people of British Columbia a happy and prosperous New Year and to that end—

"We are with you to a man—

"We will help you all we can."

Another report says three missionaries were killed.

Missionaries Are Captured in China by Bandit Gang

Sankow, China, Dec. 31.—It is reported that bandits captured at Tso-yan three Lutheran missionaries, Mr. Hoff and his wife and Mrs. Kilian. Mr. and Mrs. Hoff are said to be wounded.

Another report says three missionaries were killed.

CANADA'S TRADE WITH UNITED STATES SHOWS AN INCREASE FOR YEAR

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SKI RUNNERS PERISH IN ALPS

Number of Parties of Mountain Climbers Missing

Winter Storms Cause Great Snowdrifts Near Vienna

Vienna, Dec. 31.—Seven ski runners perished in an avalanche while ascending the Feld Apls. north and two more on the Bloesensalp in the Alps. Numerous parties of mountain climbers are reported to be missing. In the Salzburg region the storm has abated but the Arlberg route, forming the boundary between the Tyrol and Vorarlberg, is still closed in consequence of heavy avalanches.

The snow fall in Salzburg and the Tyrol is the heaviest in a decade. Near Vienna there are enormous drifts.

MAYOR RECEIVES CONGRATULATION ON BY-LAW PASSAGE

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"No better day's work has ever been done for Victoria," said Major Cuthbert Holmes, chairman of the Citizens' Amusement Centre committee. Major Holmes extended sincere thanks to his energetic workers who helped the passage of the by-law, to those who had come to bring the voters to the poll and to the staff of the Chamber of Commerce and to the newspapers.

George L. Warren, publicity commissioner, viewed the result from an advertising standpoint. "It will bring publicity for Victoria that could not be secured in any other way," he said. "With the C.P.R. making this investment they will make it pay, and the way the caravans travel, to bring the tourists to Victoria, it will build up our tourist travel and bring Victoria before the eyes of the world."

Mayor Hayward's message to Mr. Coleman was forwarded Saturday evening, and said:

"Victoriaans showed good judgment to-day in passing the Amusement Centre By-Law by large majority, demonstrating again the cordial relations existing between this city and the C.P.R."

"I think Victoria and your committee are to be congratulated on having this mutually acceptable agreement, and can now look forward with pleasurable anticipation to the opening day of the Crystal Garden."

TELEPHONY EVERY WOMAN

W. G. Gaunce, campaign manager for the citizens' amusement centre committee, seen this morning was delighted with the majority accorded which he frankly confessed was beyond what he anticipated. While the electors resolved with the Crystal Garden will remain in Victoria, he said, there were many who were inclined to accept its popularity as so assured that there was no reason for them to take the trouble to cast their vote. Every woman in Victoria eligible to vote was telephoned. Mr. Gaunce stated and expressed his thanks for their response. "It was decided to co-operate with the French occupation we received during the campaign and the excellent work of the Chamber of Commerce with Major Cuthbert Holmes as chairman of the committee that brought about the satisfactory result," he said.

C. P. W. Schwengen, president of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke of the prestige of France in the Foreign Office as a stronger position than a year ago. France has asserted by her acts her purpose to collect reparations with the co-operation of her allies if possible, but alone if necessary.

The occupation of the Ruhr against the will of the British Government was followed by anxious months, but nothing was done on the part of the British Government or any other Government except Berlin to embarrass the French occupation. The main point of passage, Rotterdam, failed and the year ended with the French Government having made contracts with the German industrial interests for working the Ruhr profitably.

GROWING PRESTIGE

The prestige of France, it is considered, has been immensely increased on the continent by her having been able to pursue her conception of national interest. The countries of the Entente have been drawn close to France during the year. The rearming of Poland, of Czechoslovakia and Jugo-Slavia has gone forward assisted by French loans, so these allies of France are in a more favorable position than they were twelve months ago to co-operate with her either against Germany or Russia.

BELGIAN POLICY

The relations with Belgium have been subject to some strain, because the Belgian policy toward Germany is not identical with that of France.

Belgian interests are regarded as being partly those of Britain, inasmuch as the Entente has been drawn close to France during the year.

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ITALY AND SPAIN

French diplomacy has been somewhat concerned by the entente between Italy and Spain, as their combined navies disturb the equilibrium of seapower in the Mediterranean, and if both were hostile to France she would have great difficulties in maintaining her communications with North Africa.

France has been confirmed in her Syrian possessions by the Treaty of Lausanne and the strengthening of her friendly intercourse with the Turkish Government.

TWO QUESTIONS

The French Foreign Office at the beginning of 1924 finds itself in the presence of two grave questions: first, whether British policy is to remain moderately passive toward French aims in Germany or become actively hostile; and second, the economic and political decomposition of Germany.

Frank Waring, chairman of the Tourist Trade Group of the Chamber of Commerce, called the meeting which will hold the tourists in Victoria after they arrive here and cause them to talk of Victoria after they leave. The vote is in a great measure the culmination of the ideals of the group and other bodies working along similar lines in producing a long-time and far-reaching effect. All those who have had any experience with tourists realize, he said, that the electors have placed the seal of approval on an outstanding need for Victoria's progress.

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The Four Square Gospel Mission

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DITCHBURN GETS BOOST IN OFFICE

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in the national Summer game, and during his apprenticeship to the printing business in Mt. Forest and Gananoque, Ont., he worked in intermediate company. Going to The Brockville Recorder in 1884 he was a member of the celebrated team which won the intermediate championship of Canada, the first time it had been held outside Montreal and Toronto. Then when he went to the Capital he played in senior company with the Ottawa Capitals. He worked both on The Citizen and Free Press there.

Then he went west to Winnipeg, and in course of time to the Coast, arriving here in 1890, and proceeding to Tacoma. He settled in Victoria in 1892, being connected with the defunct "News" staff, and then went to California for a period. In 1893 he came to The Times, and set type on the first linotype introduced into this newspaper.

He was engaged with various newspaper and job printing offices, his appointments including the Canadian Daily Star. In the past fourteen years the B.C. Indian administration has been marked by further division of the agencies, by improved educational facilities, suppression of illicit sale of liquor and other improvements.

NEW YORK'S WELCOME TO NEW YEAR WILL COST GREAT SUM

New York, Dec. 31.—The welcome to 1924, which will be tendered along Broadway at midnight to-night will cost \$50,000 revellers something like \$200,000 for the mere privilege of extending their greetings. The great sum will be paid for seats in restaurants, hotels and clubs.

Special squads of prohibition agents have been listed, incognito, among the 50,000 holding reservations.

Butter—The very best local freshly churned Salt Spring Island Creamery now retailing at 65¢ per pound.

SARNIA RADIO SIGNALS HEARD IN AUSTRALIA

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 31.—T. W. Sproule, city manager of the Amateur Radio League, has received a letter from Melbourne, Australia, stating radio signals made by him were delayed.

Cold and Snowy

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31.—The coldest weather of the winter with snow, prevailed early to-day over Western Nebraska, causing cold pre-drifts to-day and to-night. Wenatchee reported an official reading of three below zero, it was one above here this morning. Wall reported seven above Yakima nine above, and Ellensburg reported zero.

COLD AND SNOWY

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31.—The coldest weather of the winter with snow, prevailed in Nebraska to-day, temperature ranging from twelve below zero at Valentine to three below at Omaha. Rail and automobile transportation to points outside of Omaha were delayed.

Perhaps listeners-in will begin to realize that a postcard or letter is not quite so much bother as "driving" and then expending the price of admission.

FORT WILLIAM TO HAVE AN ELECTION

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 31.—Six names were put in nomination for the constituency before nominations closed last night at 11 a.m. to-day. Mayor N. EDMONTON and Alderman J. E. CRAWFORD, K. Kelso, T. W. LOONEY, John King and F. Moore are candidates.

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CAPT. S. ROBINSON, R.N.R., O.B.E.

Captain Robinson has been made Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of the heroic part he played in the Japanese earthquake disaster.

STATEMENTS OF DEAN ON CENTRE SCHEME DENIED

Statements made by John Dean in his address protesting against the Amusement Centre By-Law reflect on the City Court of Revision. Alderman David Leeming declared at the City Council's meeting to-day, "He asserted that some of Mr. Dean's statements were absolutely untrue. At neither of the two meetings held by the Court of Revision in 1922, he said, had the assessment of the Empress Hotel been considered."

Will Look For Traces of Dixmude Near Sicily

French Commission Named to Investigate Disaster

Paris, Dec. 31.—As soon as the gale off the coast of Sicily abates, the French authorities will institute diving operations to search for the wreckage of the dirigible Dixmude, with her fifty officers and men, went down in that vicinity or if the crew and body alone fell from the dirigible there.

Except for this search, the Dixmude disaster has entered the realm of determination of responsibility and loss of the airship beginning with the appointment of a naval commission of investigation.

Opening the question is one of clearing his memory from blame or ruling that he was responsible for the tragedy.

SEARCH CONTINUES.

Tunis, Dec. 31.—A squadron of small French naval craft, which put into the port for shelter from the storm on the Mediterranean, left today to renew the search along the coast of Sicily for bodies of victims of the Dixmude disaster and for wreckage from the dirigible.

The theatre at which the search is conducted is the Princess Theatre at Farnham, Que., last night. Thomas Trustier, twenty-eight, Montreal, manager of a "Wild West Revue," was fatally wounded and died at the Farnham hospital at 11:30 o'clock. The accidental shooting scene came as a climax to a performance in the show when a comedy dancer was being executed by Francis Doran, another member of the company.

The theatre was crowded when the bullet was fired. There was the sound of a body falling. Doran was hit once to the rear of the stage and Trustier twice in the shoulder. Sub-zero temperatures prevailed throughout the state, with temperatures ranging from eight above at Baker to thirty-two above zero at Roseburg.

J. S. HERBIN, AUTHOR, DIED AT WOLFSVILLE, N.S.

Wolfville, N.S., Dec. 31.—J. S. Herbin, sixty-three, author of several volumes of prose and poetry reflecting the history of Grand Pre and the French Acadians, dropped dead here Saturday.

HALIBUT CATCH

Prince Rupert, Dec. 31.—Twenty-nine million pounds of halibut were landed at this port during the year, with the figures for the month of December incomplete. This total is considerably in excess of the 1922 catch.

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CLEVELAND READY FOR CONVENTION

Republican National Gathering to be Held There

Presidential Candidate to be Chosen in New Auditorium

Cleveland, O., Dec. 31.—In Cleveland's new \$6,500,000 Municipal Auditorium, scene of the Republican National Convention of 1924, Ohio political leaders are confident the general facilities are entirely adequate to meet the situation and that the building will be found a worthy background in the naming of the party's presidential nominee.

Hotel accommodations and other space necessary in handling a national convention likewise are declared sufficient, while the various civic organizations and commercial institutions of the city have no doubt about the raising of a huge chest fund to carry on the enterprise. Mayor Fred Kohler offered the use of the auditorium free of charge to either major party's national convention. It was Cleveland's first bid for a national convention of one of the two big parties.

IN DOWNTOWN SECTION

Sited in the heart of the downtown section, the new public hall is said to present all that could be desired for a large convention. It is a part of Cleveland's enormous Mall plan of buildings. Occupying a block, its boundaries are St. Clair Avenue on the south, East Sixth Street on the east, Lakeside Avenue on the north and East third Street on the west.

Its main floor, on the street level, unobstructed by a single column, measures more than 300 feet long and is 215 feet wide. The glass ceiling is ninety feet high.

Lincoln G. Dickey, manager of the hall, says comfortable seating facilities can be arranged for 12,000 persons when the main floor, stage and expansive balconies are used.

The stage measures sixty by 104 feet, has an opening seventy-three feet wide and is surmounted by an arch forty-two feet six inches high. The accommodation of the hall, tested repeatedly by scientists and during concerts, have been declared perfect. Every person in the hall is able to hear every word of a speech, whether it is made from the stage or the floor.

Off the stage are scores of rooms installed as dressing rooms, acting and changing rooms. These will be available for newspaper correspondents, press associations and committee caucuses meetings. If there is an overflow here, the lower floor of the building, as large as the main floor, will be available. Ample facilities can be provided for the army of reporters and special writers who attend national conventions and telegraph companies can be equipped with any needed amount of room and service.

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ALBERTA PREMIER GOES TO OTTAWA RIOT IN ARKANSAS WAS PREVENTED

Negroes Put in Jail by Troops For Safe Keeping

To Discuss Transfer of the National Resources to Province

Edmonton, Dec. 31.—Premier Grovesfield left Edmonton yesterday for Ottawa where he will confer next Thursday with Premier King and other members of the Dominion Cabinet regarding the transfer of the natural resources to the province. The Alberta Premier is not accompanied by any of the other Cabinet members, and that is taken as a sign that he is going East prepared to consider favorably the proposal of the Dominion Government of a year ago, on the general lines of a transfer of the resources as they stand, together with two years' cash subsidy. On the previous occasion the Alberta government insisted on payment for lands alienated for highway purposes outside the province.

John T. Sterling, Chief Inspector of Mines of Alberta, went East with the Premier to take up for final arrangement with Hon. Charles Stewart the question of centralized supervision of the mines in the province.

REPORTS TELL OF COLD WEATHER

Drop in Temperature in Pacific Northwestern States.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Lowering temperatures symbolized the waning energies of the dying year throughout the Pacific Northwest early to-day, freezing weather being reported from nearly all points and zero or below from points east of the Cascade Mountains.

Yesterday storms along the coast resulted in delayed shipping and in several instances, lifting of damaged cargoes. A Puget Sound steamer was torn from her moorings near Seattle and piled on the rocks at Meadow Point, a wreck, while a stiff wind was reported blowing down from Western Canada and Alaska, with further cold weather promised.

The forecast for the Pacific Northwest was continued cold, "with unsettled weather in Southern Oregon and California."

PREMIER BRUCE VISITED SOLDIERS' GRAVES IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable).—Interviewed on his return from France, Premier Bruce of Australia said he had been much impressed by the wonderful restoration accomplished in the war area.

He stressed the loving care with which the graves of soldiers were honored by the Imperial War Graves Commission, whose personnel is representative of all parts of the Empire.

The simple dignity of the cemeteries, said Mr. Bruce, was most impressive. Some time must elapse before all the headstones will be made, but even when the wooden crosses stand, he added, the cemeteries are beautifully laid out and planted.

THOMAS MORGAN FUNERAL AT NANAIMO

Nanaimo, Dec. 31.—The funeral of the late Thomas Morgan, was held here yesterday.

Death occurred at the family residence here Saturday as a result of injuries Mr. Morgan received Friday afternoon when he was knocked down by an automobile within a couple of hundred yards of his home. He was seventy-five years of age and had lived here since 1869. In 1889 he was appointed Provincial Inspector of Mines, from which position he retired with a pension in 1913. He is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter.

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PROBLEM ARISES IN TASMANIA

Appointment of Native or Man From Britain as Governor is Issue

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Hobart, Tasmania, Dec. 30.—Since the last governor of Tasmania resigned and went to England claiming he could not live on his salary, Tasmania has been without a governor.

The Labor Ministry, which recently took office on the collapsed corruption and split victory of the Nationalist Party, decided in favor of a native-born governor on the principle followed in the Canadian provinces.

The Colonial Office objects, however, and there is a deadlock, neither side being willing to give way. A section of the press supports a native governor from the old country because it claims he is likely to spend more money in the island than a native son.

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The family of five resided on a farm four miles northwest of Tabon, Minn. A neighbor informed local authorities of the conditions at the farm.

FOUR OF FAMILY PUT IN ASYLUM

Girl Imprisoned by Parents in Barn in Minnesota

Crookston, Minn., Dec. 31.—Held prisoner in an old barn for more than a year by her parents, Dorothy Mekay, was found by county authorities Saturday. She was demented and put up a terrific struggle before being placed in custody. She was living in the hay mow of an old barn, and was clad in a single dress though the temperature was at ten below zero.

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FALSE PRETENCES ARE ALLEGED

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable).—Andrew Fraser Mitchell, formerly an immigration officer in Prince Edward Island, was charged in Bow Street Police Court Saturday with having obtained £482 by false pretences from Richard B. Quinn, formerly an officer in the Indian army. The 48-year-old attorney stated Mr. Bell had entered into communication with Quinn last September and submitted to him a scheme for settling ex-army officers on the land in Prince Edward Island, and starting them in fox farming.

The sale of land and bungalows formed part of the scheme, Mitchell by means of Quinn mortgaged with the money on the strength of his representations. It is now contended that Mitchell never had authority to sell any land on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island.

Counsel for the prosecution added that further investigation of the matter was necessary and applied for a month's adjournment, which the magistrate granted.

SAYS DAMAGE SUIT IS RIDICULOUS

Natchez, Miss., Dec. 31.—James Cruise, who directed the film play "The Covered Wagon," declared today that the motion picture did not contain any scenes referring to Jim Bridger that were not supplied by the Emerson House story, which was the basis of the film. He considered the damage suit by Mrs. Virginia Bridger Hahn against the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation as ridiculous. The woman alleged certain scenes libelled the memory of her father.

Mr. Cruise is on location.

FOUR BROKE OUT OF GEORGIA PRISON

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THE NEW YEAR

One glimpse over the newspaper files for the last two months should convince the most ardent pessimist that the waning days of 1923 hold more than the average promise of better things in the New Year. Canada has harvested the largest crop in her history and every part of the country will share in the attendant prosperity which it must produce. The trade of the Dominion is increasing from month to month. Development is proceeding with greater strides than has been the case for some time past. Financial conditions are much easier. There are tangible demonstrations of renewed rural and industrial faith. The public railroad will be able to look upon 1923 as the turning point in its fortunes. The gross earnings of the Canadian National system for the year that ends to-day amount to \$21,000,000 more than in 1922—evidence which speaks for itself. And in a general sense the last part of 1923 has given the country a more than promising introduction to the New Year.

From the more local standpoint British Columbia has forged ahead during the last twelve months. Its entrance into 1924 can be made to the accompaniment of extremely bright prospects. It is not to say that all provincial problems have been disposed of. The Government of the day and the various municipalities are confronted with situations that demand caution and wise judgment. But there is nothing to hinder a brisk step forward in the coming year. Our more intimate understanding of conditions in this neighborhood will compensate every citizen who takes the trouble to assess the prospects. Victoria presented itself with a New Year's gift when it voted in favor of the Crystal Garden project last Saturday. This may be added to the many other signs that will advertise to the world in general that this part of the country is the map and very much alive. With such an outlook in total we find it particularly pleasant and meaningful to wish our readers and the people of this community a New Year full of prosperity and happiness.

WELL DONE VICTORIA!

It can be said once more that the property owners of Victoria know a good thing when they see it. They were asked by every progressive citizen in this community to turn in a three-fifths majority in favor of the Crystal Garden project. They replied to the tune of a little more than eight to one. Thus is this community now assured of an attraction to which it has looked forward for many years.

While Saturday's eminently satisfactory verdict was possible only by the exercise of good judgment by the property owners, it can be said without hesitation that those qualified electors who may have been somewhat dubious as to what course to take at the outset will admit that their complete conversion was brought about by the excellent campaign which the Chamber of Commerce conducted through its Amusement Centre Committee. For some time past, not measured by weeks or months, this city's premier commercial body has held this prospect before the people of this community. Upon every occasion opportunity has been taken to impress upon all and sundry the manifold advantages that must accrue to Victoria through the operation of such a popular attraction as the Crystal Garden.

It must not be supposed, however, that the task which the Chamber and its special committee undertook to discharge was a simple one by any means. Its progressive members were long ago persuaded that an Amusement Centre would fill the gap in local attraction which is most obvious. The unswerving support of all the leading business men and the various interests more in touch with the tourist business than the average individual was promised long ago; at the same time before its campaign had been long under way it discovered that a stone wall of prejudice had been erected by a number of influential objectors to the plan and the considerations involved. This condition was not wholly unexpected and there is no suggestion that the opposition represented anything but sincere conviction. Nevertheless it took an active form and very materially added to the difficulty of the task which the Chamber was determined to finish on the right side. Now that the victory has been won, however, and won in such an overwhelming fashion, it is right and proper to extend heartiest congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce in general and to its Amusement Centre Committee in particular.

The value of Saturday's result will be understood in the early future and we shall be very much surprised if those who voted against it do not admit that they were wrong before the Crystal Garden has been in operation twelve months. And apart from the immediate effect of the decision, and the encouraging prospect it has assured, the people of this community may pat themselves on the back by reason of the fact that upon two important occasions this neighborhood has had an opportunity to reaffirm the cordial relationship which always has existed between it and the Canadian Pacific Railway—and has done so wholeheartedly. This is worth a good deal and will probably be worth considerably more before many years have passed.

SIR AUCKLAND LEAVES WASHINGTON

Canadians and their neighbors to the South of the border will have learned with considerable regret that continued ill health has caused Sir Auckland Geddes to relinquish his post as Britain's ambassador to the United States. His short term at Washington has been marked by ease of adaptability both in respect of custom and political tradition.

The role of Ambassador is none the simpler because official duties are more or less confined to interchange between people of the same stock. Members of one family are sometimes prone to speak first and think after. There is not that natural reserve which divides peoples of an alien race. But in the more delicate matters, those important considerations of tradition, Sir Auckland has been able to exercise a nicety of judgment and friendliness of manner that have helped to affix the seal of success to his work at Washington.

His comparatively recent visit to Victoria enabled the people of this city to learn something of Sir Auckland's sterling character. His address to the Canadian Club on that occasion embodied his ardent desire for still more cordial relations between the British Empire and the United States. His warning against the "unguarded word" is never without point.

Note and Comment

The health of Victoria's children is assuredly something to make a noise about. It can, however, be left in the good care of the Publicity Bureau.

There is some doubt in the St. John household to which four babies were presented on Christmas Day as to whether the stork was kind or not. There may be a suggestion that somebody has lost all sense of the fitness of things."

We are now informed by Dr. Hrdlicka that "the distance between the lowest form of man and the highest form of ape is too great even to be passed by mutation." This is a little matter we always wanted settled. Now we can breathe more easily.

Six-foot footmen are getting scarce in Britain. An advertisement for one the other day brought only two applications and one of them was from a man several inches short of the required stature. This only goes to show what the world is coming to.

Millions of years have gone and there are millions of years to come. At least so Professor Moulton of Chicago University tells us. No doubt the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will be glad to learn that the Amusement Centre will have paid for itself long before the world's curtain is rung down.

Still another British Columbian has written from California to say that anybody who thinks that the land to the South is one flowing with milk and honey is barking up the wrong tree. We find no more difficulty in believing that than we do in believing that many Victorians who have allowed property to revert will have wished they had done nothing of the kind ten years hence.

It has remained for Maximilian Harden to tell the German people the truth once more. He now declares that if the nation had faced the situation squarely and honestly after the war it might now have made its reparations payments up to 1928. What a different condition would have faced the Allies now if they had been as united over the war as they were over the prosecution of the war!

Some Thoughts for To-day

A blade of grass is always a blade of grass.
When in one country or another.

Sam'l Johnson.

The hero is the world-man, in whose heart
One passion stands for all, the most indulged.

Bailey.

Hospitality sitting with gladness.

Longfellow.

On the cold cheek of Death smiles and roses
Are bleeding.

And beauty immortal awakes from the tomb.

James Beattie.

O, once in each man's life, at least,
Good luck knocks at his door;

And wit to seize the flitting guest *

Need never hunger more.

But while the loitering idler waits

Good luck beside his fire,

The bold heart storms at fortune's gates,

And conquers its desire.

Lewis J. Bates.

Our Contemporaries

EATING FOR HEALTH

San Francisco Chronicle.—People would have better health if they would remember that the stomach is a workhouse and not a playhouse.

GOOD RELIGION

Birmingham News.—If you can't lick him and forgive him, that may be discretion; but if you lick him and yet forgive him, that is good religion.

MORE CONGENIAL

New York Evening Post.—The real internationalists, it seems to us, ought to concentrate on the things one can like in the individual nations, and not the other way about.

THE SHAKE-UP

Los Angeles Times.—The town of Klink, in the State (California), is having its name officially changed to Ivanhoe. Since prohibition set in there has been nothing to Klink.

Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the Editor and in-
cluded with the "Other People's Views" column
must bear the name and address of the writer.
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of the writer, not for publication
unless the editor's permission is given.
The publication or refection of articles in a manner entirely
different from that in which they were submitted is
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MR. GARDOM'S THANKS

To the Editor.—The splendid results
of Saturday's balloting were obtained
by the newspapers, by the Mayor and
City Council, the Chamber of Com-
merce amusement centre committee and
citizens who worked diligently in
presenting the amusement centre

Council, who was one of the first to in-
terest our company in the amusement
centre scheme and whose untiring ef-
forts contributed to the verdict just given.

As the officer here representing the
Canadian Pacific Railway Company
on this transaction please allow me
to thank you all for courteous and
generous treatment and to wish you all a happy New Year, with
continued progress towards the fulfil-
ment of this fair ambition.

BASIL GARDOM
Superintendent of construction and
operations of western hotels, Canadian
Pacific Railway Company.
Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C. December 30, 1923.

VOX POPULI, VOX DEI, WHEN
THEY ARE RIGHT

To the Editor.—We of the Light Brigade have no reason to be ashamed of our showing, under all the circumstances, and we certainly got the Ayes rallied, reaching out all directions for aid. We had to combat Hitlerism, the Nazis and
Communist, and the Board of Commerce the solid phalanx in front of us. The heavy property owners to right of us, the Canadian Pacific Railway in influence to left of us. Generals Peary, Dray, Holmes and Shanks flanked us with their light and heavy. Mayor and his forces waging a broadside into us, and the "Man From Tacoma" walked in and took a shot at us. Hundreds of canvassers and motors and we did not one; and both
parties against us. It's a wonder that of us got through, although it did not injure us in the least.

It can do the city no harm to let
it be known that the C.P.R. see there are a few of us

that can see as far through a ladder as
they can, and perhaps hasten a new
depot in lieu of the baggage room
we have put up with for the last
thirty years.

JOHN DEAN.

Victoria, Dec. 30, 1923.

A CHARIVARI

To the Editor.—Here is a "Char-
vari". Well, Christmas (not Xmas, which is
probably a contraction of 1 Mass.)
has come and gone.

We elders have enjoyed making
preparations for the young folk, and
have, the more, found pleasure in the
spontaneous gaiety of those we
sought to please.

There are also many other things
to give us pleasure. Firstly, there is
the supremely delightful weather,
then the interesting Christmas edi-
torials, and the generally optimistic
note in the local daily press to the
present and future of our beautiful
Victoria and Vancouver Island.

We are struck by the smiling faces
of those on shopping bent—and not
least the courtesy and smiling faces
of those "doing their duty in that
state of life to which it is God's will
God to call them" and patiently sub-
mitting to the whims and querulous
needs of some, not all, of the world's
purchasers.

But the festive season has not
brought happiness to all; a veil of
sadness is drawn across to screen
the foaming of the stout little
and the suffering of the unfortunate but
plucky men who battled their way
through the stormy seas of life and
safety—of such stuff are built the
men who man the Royal Navy, and
men who build in a Canadian
navy had one.

I have noted the innumerable trees
brought in by all kinds of convey-
ances to enhance the Yuletide festi-
val; for me there is a certain amount
of regret in this. We are talking
of the need for conserving our
forests, and whilst here in Canada
alone we are destroying, yearly,
about one million potential timber-
yielding trees, allowing a family of nine
in our nine million of popula-
tion, and a tree to a family of nine
will not give cause for concern? If there
is a fault, I know it not—but to suggest
one I dare not.

Further, I note the editorial in one
local paper referring to the Christ-
mas season is most suitable and
inspiring—but it would be well to
puzzled wonder if a child in
the Antipodes, where the sun-on-that
day beats down with tropical heat,
as has often been experienced by

CALIFORNIA

To the Editor.—Observing state-
ments in your interesting columns re-
garding conditions in California par-
ticularly Southern California, the
writer is moved to relate her recent
experiences in Los Angeles.

First let it be known that the organiza-
tion known as Californians, Inc., has spent
\$100,000 each year for advertising the
advantages of the state, all this ad-
vertising appearing in Eastern news-
papers and magazines in the form of
well-written articles apparently
spontaneous. This material appeals
to all classes, no discrimination being
made as to what class of people
the message reaches.

Opposition to the order was made
by lawyers representing the stock-
holders' committee, who declared
the only hope for the stockholders
was in keeping the Steel assets
intact.

Los Angeles is a rich man's city—
the stores, houses, prices of food and
clothing all are raised by the wealthy
purse, and there are small farms where
vegetables and fruit are raised, but
as far as the writer could determine
the cost of this land, the water to irrigate
the soil, cost of marketing, to put these places beyond the reach
of white people in modest circum-
stances.

In your editorial columns of Decem-
ber 29 a letter was quoted and
the writer of this gave sound advice:
"People who are thinking of com-
ing to California would do well to
find out a little more before they de-
cide."

EDITH CONRAD BEALE.

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to set up there, but did want "big
business to establish there," and
there is a particular importance
inasmuch as many people from
Canada are going into California,
and it shows that the passport to
favour there is money, big
money, and much of this does reach
the cities of California by way of the
richer property owners to right of us.

Canada grants a subsidy to the
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it with New Zealand and Australia. The
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BAND CONCERT POSTPONED

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Fancy Jonathan Apples, per box	\$1.95
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NICE JAP ORANGES	
Canard box	38c

Chocolate Marshmallows, reg. 50c lb. for	38c
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Reindeer Condensed Cocoa, reg. 70c for	15c
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Ontario Honey, 2½-lb. tin...	65c
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Royal Engagement Denied by Dr. Green	
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New York, Dec. 31.—A denial that his daughter, Eleanor Margaret Green, was engaged to Prince Viggo of Denmark, as announced from Copenhagen recently, was issued last night by Dr. James D. Green.	
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"In spite of that quarrel," questioned the groom anxiously.	
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"Forgotten," asserted the bride. "But oh, Ned, can you ever forget the	
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"They are Humor and Tolerance," smiled the bride.	
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ANNUAL BANQUET AT HUDSON'S BAY

Third Annual Affair, Held Saturday Night, Gratifying Success

A very gratifying success was the third annual banquet of the Hudson's Bay Company's Store here, which was held on Saturday night in the Hudson's Bay dining-room

OCEAN AND COASTWISE SHIPPING

**WAGE INCREASE IS
GIVEN WATERFRONT
MEN IN SEATTLE**

**C.N.R. Cutoff is
Open For Traffic**

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Long Lake cutoff, the new connecting link between the Southern and Northern transcontinental routes of the Canadian National Railway between Toronto and Winnipeg, has been completed and operation of passenger trains will commence on January 5. A saving in time of about five minutes will be made between Winnipeg and Toronto.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1923:

Day	Sunrise Hour Min.	Sunset Hour Min.
1	7 49	20 29
2	7 50	20 30
3	7 51	20 31
4	7 52	20 32
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6	7 54	20 34
7	7 55	20 35
8	7 56	20 36
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30	7 59	20 58
31	7 59	20 59

The steamship Drottningholm, of the Swedish American Line, negotiated a voyage from New York to Gothenburg in eight days and eighteen hours, the fastest method ever used by the Atlantic Ocean, according to advice received here yesterday by Brattstrom & Co., local agents of the line.

The steamship Cordova, of the Alaska Steamship Company, arrived here Saturday night with the disabled steamer Seward, which had come from Kodiak Bay and the Alaska Peninsula. After repairs here she will resume her service through Alaska ports.

Plans for the initial units of the \$4,000,000 terminals at the Pacific Steamship Company plans to be completed before Christmas, according to city officials for inspection by the steamship company. The plans cover the first of three piers to be completed by a freight shed which will be more than 1,000 feet long and 160 feet in width.

INCREASE IN SHIPPING FIGURES ENCOURAGING

Export Figures More Than Double Those of Last Year, Shipping Report Shows; Many Vessels Here in 1923

Increased demand for Japanese squares, following the Yokohama disaster, and the boom in the export lumber business of Vancouver Island is the cause of the big increase in outward tonnage from Victoria as shown in the Customs report for 1923. Cargo going out of this port more than doubled the figures of last year. Altogether 70,882 tons of cargo went out from Victoria in 1923, while the figure for 1922 was only 34,082 tons, which is an increase of 36,800 tons.

ENCOURAGING YEAR

A general increase is shown all round in the shipping figures issued this morning. The import figures show an increase of 29,553 tons. This year 55,946 tons of cargo were brought into this port from foreign countries while last year the figure was only 25,393 tons. The number of vessels coming to Victoria in many instances shows an increase.

That this period of increased prosperity will continue during the year 1924 is contained in the report from mills that orders are coming in fast for large consignments of Japanese lumber. Canadian ports still keep up their demand for Vancouver Island lumber. Although there is every indication of increased orders from this section of the world during the Spring, the United Kingdom's large coal-commodities, while the Atlantic seaboard promises to be an even better customer than it was during 1923.

LUMBER EXPORTS

As Victoria's chief export is lumber, a period of prosperity is predicted in the very near future by lumbermen, especially if the establishment of the lumber assembly plant at Ogden Point is realized.

Up-Island lumber will soon be shipped out of Victoria. This will mean increased employment not only along Victoria's waterfront but also at the mills.

EXPORT FIGURES

A comparison of the figures between 1923 and 1922 follows: The 1923 figures are: Ships inward, coastwise, 2,882, tonnage 2,143,222; ships outward, coastwise, 8,197, tonnage 13,930,911; ships inward from sea in ballast, 1,460, tonnage 944,700; ships outward to sea in ballast, 1,725, tonnage 1,890,520, cargo 55,946 tons; ships outward to sea in ballast, 1,680, tonnage 1,680,169; ships outward to sea with cargo 1,389, tonnage 1,025,833, cargo 70,882 tons.

Last year's figures were: Inwards, coastwise, 2,672, tonnage 2,000,253; ships outward, coastwise, 2,706, tonnage 1,868,964; inward from sea with cargo 1,053, tonnage 1,510,764, cargo 25,393 tons; inward from sea in ballast, 1,079, tonnage 1,051,446; outward to sea with cargo 1,128, tonnage 1,140,662, cargo 34,082 tons; outward to sea in ballast 1,003, tonnage 1,805,734.

I extend to all of you and to the members of your families my best wishes for a New Year filled with happiness, prosperity and health.

AUSTRALIA TO BE SUNK BY GUN FIRE

(Special to The Times)

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 30.—After repeated efforts to induce the Admiralty to allow the battle cruiser Australia to keep its national markings or face it as a target for an Australian harbor, such as the one at Fremantle, the Australian Government has reluctantly agreed to the suggestion that the passengers were in some doubt as to whether they were really celebrating Christmas Day or the day before. In passing the meridian they gained a day and many of the passengers were in a quandary as to what date it was. However, the captain assured them that they were celebrating Christmas and whether it was the right day or not they all had a good time.

MUCH RAW SILK

The Jackson brought an unusual quantity of silk this trip. In all she has 6,128 bales valued approximately \$7,000,000. The silk is being sent to China, where it will be sold in large quantities.

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signment was 246 tons. Mail amounted to 2,400 bags, of which Victoria received 76 bags.

CABIN PASSENGERS

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High-grade Coats made in wrappy styles, and trimmed with fitch fur or French beaver collars and cuffs. They are fully lined and beautifully embroidered. The materials include poiret twill, broadcloth, marvella and Bolivia cloths. Sizes range from 16 to 44. Values to \$125.00. Clearing at

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Girls' Coats, plain or fur-trimmed. They are of excellent materials and have belt and pockets. Shades: fawn, brown, Saxe and green; sizes for 10 to 13 years. Values to \$13.95. Clearing at

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Children's Coats, plain or fur-trimmed, in fawn, navy and brown; sizes for the ages of 4 to 8 years. Odd lines and sizes. Values to \$9.75. Clearing at

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Children's Coats in white, pink, blue, fawn and grey, made with round collars; sizes for the ages of 3, 4 and 5 years. Values to \$4.75. Clearing at

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Girls' Fur-trimmed Coats in excellent cloths and in shades of fawn, brown and navy; sizes for 11 and 12 years. Values to \$24.00. Clearing at

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Girls' Fur-trimmed Coats, trimmed with fancy stitching and having belts and pockets. Fawn and brown grey and blue; sizes for the ages of 10 to 14 years. Values \$16.75. Clearing at

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Linenette Underskirts Reg. \$1.25 for 98¢

Underskirts of good grade linenette, made with pleated flounces. Rose, navy, green; purple and Saxe. On sale at

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A January Clearance of BLOUSES

Tricolette Blouses in fancy weave or dropstitch, made overblouse style with short sleeves, round or V necks and band to tie waists. Many shades to choose from; sizes 36 to 40. Clearance price

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Blouses of crepe de Chine, tricolette or georgette, in overblouse or tuck-in style, with short or long sleeves. Peter Pan, convertible collars or round neck styles; blue, grey, fawn, navy and black; sizes 34 to 44. Values to \$7.95. Clearing at

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Crepe de Chine and Georgette Blouses, in overblouse style, with long, short or three-quarter sleeves. They are trimmed with Paisley, radium lace, hemstitching or bands of crepe knit, in Paisley designs. Many shades to select from. Values to \$15.50 for

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—Blouses, First Floor

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Heavy Weight Sweaters, rib weave and in pull-over style with long sleeves, semi-Tuxedo collar two pockets and narrow belts. The shades are American beauty, navy and white, turquoise and white, black and white. There are also jersey cloth sweaters made Tuxedo-style with tucks in back and on pockets, or plain styles. The shades are green, American beauty, peacock, rose and purple; \$7.95 values for, each \$2.98

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Boys' Heather Wool Hose, 4 and 1 rib. They have reinforced heels and toes. Regular for

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Boys' Heather Cashmere Hose, full fashioned with wide garter hem and reinforced foot, a pair

75¢

Boys' Heather Cashmere Hose, full fashioned with wide garter hem, narrow ankles, reinforced heels and toes. Brown grey and green mixtures, a pair

50¢

Boys' Heather Cashmere Hose, in fawn and dark brown. Fine 1 and 1 rib; sizes 6½ to 9½ a pair

89¢

Boys' All-wool Worsted Hose, brown and black, size 6½ to 10½. Special value at

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Hosiery, Main Floor

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**Siki's Show is Not
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Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—Louis

Piles, state boxing commissioner, to-day announced that he had ordered Grand Rapids promoters to cancel the scheduled ten-round bout between "Battling" Siki and Joe Lohman, Toledo, heavyweight, which was to have been held New Year's Day.

"Siki's past performances are such that Michigan can get along without any matches in which he is a principal," the commissioner said.

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AT THE THEATRES

Jackie Coogan Stars in Tale of Balkan Court

Mary Roberts Rinehart's Story
at Dominion Fights Boy Actor

Mary Roberts Rinehart's story, "Long Live the King," gives to Jackie Coogan the wonderful boy actor just the opportunity he wants. At the Dominion this week the film adaptation of the novelist, as prepared for the screen will be presented.

The picture takes considerable liberties with the story which pleased old and young alike. There is much political intrigue which forms rightly so large a part of the story, and the comedy element has been strengthened in the picture. "Nicky," the impulsive chum of the lonely prince, affords a remarkable type, of the characterizations which made the books of Anthony Hope so much enjoyed by the fathers and mothers of to-day. Jackie, the over-watched, much pampered son of the palace, longing for the play of life outside, finds out more about the Prince in Mark Twain's "Prince and the Pauper." His delight in the coaster railway with his new found American chum "Bobbie," and his crest-fallen appearance before the old King, his grandfather, as he returns tattooed and torn from the palace present to Jackie an opportunity to show the emotions in a remarkable way. His battle with Nicky's aid, in Black Humbert's dungeon, is one of the strong phases of the piece, the boy developing there those capacities to think quickly and to act which will stand him in good stead in the future.

The picture affords many opportunities for pageants which go so far to make the film notable from a pictorial standpoint.

"Ponjola" as Film True to Famous Record in Film

First National Picture at Royal
in South African Story

When one goes to see a motion picture which has been adapted from a book which he had read and enjoyed, he more often than not goes with the feeling that the picture will be inferior to the original story.

So often do we hear the criticism: "It is a good picture, but it is not the book—for it has been greatly changed."

But this cannot be said of "Ponjola," a First National picturization of Cynthia Stockley's famous story of South African life, which opened to-day at the Royal Theatre.

"Ponjola" as a film is "Ponjola" the book, and on one who was enthralled with the celebrated Stockley masterpiece is going to be disappointed with "Ponjola."

Those who read "Ponjola" are going to be overjoyed with the film version, for the production of this picture, has adhered faithfully to the plot and theme of the story and has given us a picture which can truthfully be regarded as one of the dramatic gems of the year.

Anna Q. Nilsson as the heroine of the play, the Englishwoman who disguises as a man, is admirably cast. Despite her essential feminism she is as much at home in male attire as she is in the clothes of her sex. The illusion is perfect and in those sequences of the story where she appears as a man—one loses consciousness of the fact that it is a woman playing the part.

James Kirkwood, as Lund Druro, the embittered Englishman who seeks to drown his sorrows in "Ponjola," is all that can be desired. He handles his part excellently and never once is he guilty of over-acting, a failing which is too often the case in the enactment of drunk roles.

Let the whole cast can be regarded as 100 per cent perfect. Ruth Clifford has a role essentially suited to her type in Gao Lyptiati; Joseph Kilgour is a convincing man. Other prominent roles excellently handled by Tully Marshall, Edwin Sturgis, Claire McDowell, Claire Du Brey and Bernard Randall.

PRESENTATION

Cumberland, Dec. 31.—Pupils of the Cumberland schools have made a presentation to Mr. Webb, principal of the Public School, who has been appointed supervisor at Nanaimo, of a traveling bag.

Special turkey dinner every night at the Strathcona Hotel Cafe, ***

"To the Ladies" Will be Shown at the Capitol

Several Stars Scintillate in Cruz Production

Something that has never happened in Los Angeles before in the history of the motion picture industry and probably will not soon again, recently

AT THE THEATRES

Royal—"Ponjola."
Capitol—"To the Ladies."
Dominion—"Long Live the King."
Playhouse—"His Smothered Love."
Columbia—"The Face on the Barroom Floor."

tures. He is right on the bell time and again, not only with the box office but with the critics. Yet he is the most business-like least verbose man you ever saw. He never talks about art, or pictures, or himself seriously. His pictures can be cut in minutes, because he has shot to what he needed that there is nothing to do but make a motion of the

camera. It is a tradition that he once shot a scene that only took three hours, and when most directors make big features shoot hundreds of feet. Chaplin "to 400,000 feet of film shot to 300 feet of picture." "Roulette of Red Gap" at Gramercy, Metropolitan, and Hollywood.

"To the Ladies." Mr. Cruse's latest work for Paramount, featuring Edward Norton, Theodore Roberts, Helen Jerome Eddy and Louise Dresser is now at the Capitol.

J. E. FAREWELL, K.C., DIED IN OSHAWA

Whitby, Ont., Dec. 31.—Colonel J. E. Farewell, K.C., eighty-four, crown attorney of Ontario County for forty-nine years, died in Oshawa Saturday.

In November he sustained fractures of three ribs and of the breastbone in an automobile accident. Despite these injuries he was able to appear at the court sessions here two weeks ago. He leaves no family.

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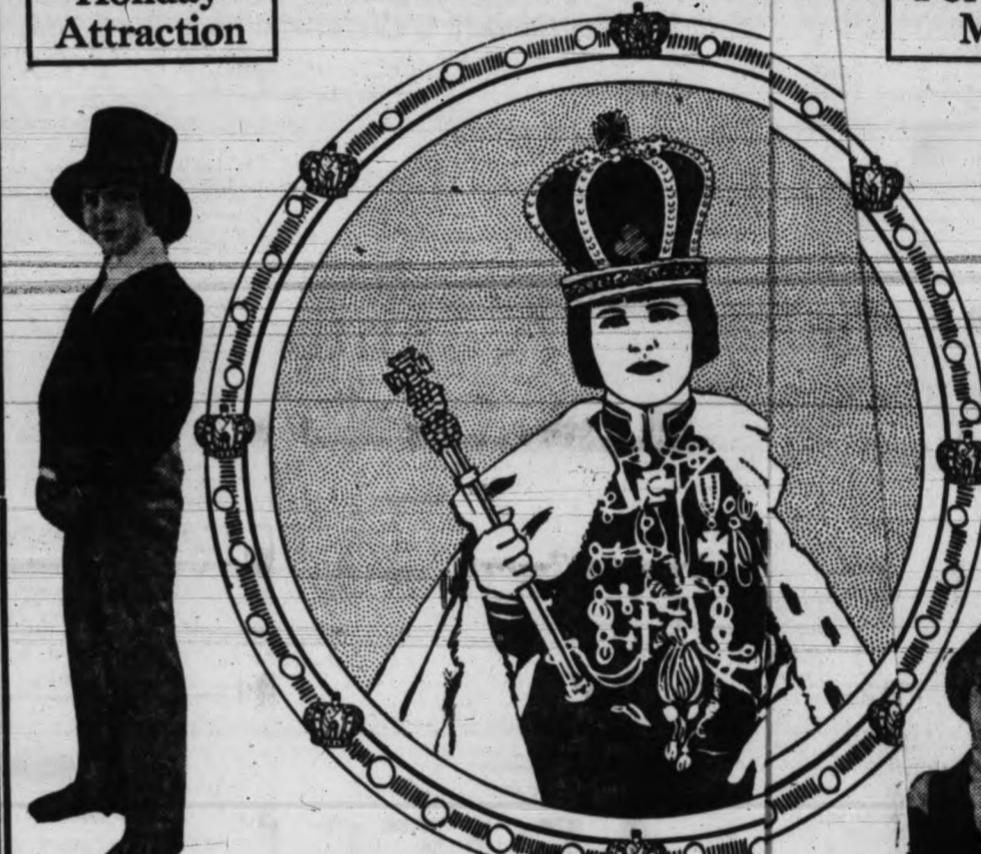
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A great deal of interest has been

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New William Fox Picture Wins Applause

Columbia Presents H. B. Warner in "The Face on the Barroom Floor"

An electrified audience thrilled with excitement at the big climax storm scene in the new William Fox special, "The Face on the Barroom Floor," which opened at the Columbia Theatre for a three-day run. This storm is one of the most realistic ever shown on the screen. Henry B. Walthall plays the leading role.

"The Face on the Barroom Floor" deals with the dramatic theme of love. How a man disappointed in love sought solace in drink and went down to the depths, only to be saved by the woman he loved and brought back to sanity and happiness.

Director Jack Ford has handled the story with rare skill and sympathy. Any clumsiness of treatment would have made the picture preachy. Instead, it vibrates with action and through it runs the silver thread of a charming romance, happily knotted in the end by a kiss.

Comedy to Excel at Playhouse in Unusual Story

"His Smothered Love" Has Great Sensations

When a romantic street car conductor parades as a Count to win the

love of a pretty girl, there is bound to be something doing every minute until the climax is reached. This is quite true insofar as "His Smothered Love," the latest Paramount. Mack Sennett, with Chester Conklin, Harry Gribbon and Marie Provost, is concerned. "His Smothered Love," which is being shown at the Playhouse, to-day.

Conklin is a conductor who falls in love with the fat bank roll of Marie Provost, as well as with her personal charms. He short-changes the mother of his child, and when he comes to her home disguised as a Count, she angrily exposes him.

Then Marie consents to become the bride of Harry Gribbon and in revenge Conklin sends what he believes to be a bottle of poisoned wine to the couple for a wedding present. Conklin begins a mad chase of the bridal couple to prevent them from drinking the supposed poisoned wine, and the situations that ensue, are extremely laughable. The comedy may be seen with profit and enjoyment by old and young alike.

A New Year's Greeting

We take this opportunity of thanking our friends for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed at their hands during the year just closing, and we look forward with confidence to a greater measure of support during the coming year.

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HOCKEY. FOOTBALL TIMES SPORTING NEWS BASKETBALL. RUGBY

Both Mainland Hoop Teams Suffer Defeat

Metropolitans Conquer Ex-Normals and First Presbyterians Defeat Native Sons, League Leaders in Vancouver, in Thrilling Games Played at Y.M.C.A. Gym on Saturday; Great Crowd Witnessed Show, Which Was Best Seen Here In Years

Both Vancouver basketball teams which came over to show their wares on Saturday night went back home yesterday well beaten. The two championship Victoria teams, the First Presbyterians and Metropolitans, won decisive wins over the Native Sons and ex-Normal quintettes, two of the fastest on the Mainland. It proved once again that the Capital remains invincible when it comes to the hoop game. The Metropolitans defeated the ex-Normals by thirteen to twenty-three, while the Firsts conquered the Native Sons by seventeen to twelve.

The game staged under the auspices of St. Andrew's Athletic Association, produced some of the fastest play seen here for many years. Local fans of the game turned out in full force and packed the local Y.M.C.A. gymnasium to the limit.

The feature of the evening was the game between ex-Normals and Metropolitans. Seldom has a faster exhibition been seen on a local floor, both teams showing marvellous speed and endurance. The Vancouver ex-Normals are a nifty little outfit, however, and in keeping the Metropolitans out-gunned in the first period, when Earl Boyes, speedy ex-Normal forward, slipped through four beautiful shots.

Brindley and Moore worked some smooth plays in this period, resulting in ten points for the Mets. Each team took turns at gaining a slight lead, just as the period was closing the Victoria boys were leading twelve to eleven, when Boyes ventured a long shot from the thousand-yard range. The timekeeper's whistle blew when the ball was still revolving through space.

IT WENT IN

When the ball finally decided to drop it picked out an open space right in the centre of the hoop, scoring a goal for the ex-Normals one point ahead of the other period.

The Mets showed their finest work in the second period when Verno Jones, Stan Moore, and John Brindley played a rare game, some pretty combination work resulting in Jones netting twelve points. Dangerfield and McKinney held the fast ex-Normans forwards in check throughout the period.

The mainlanders tried the "quick change act" several times in a last endeavor to save the game. Two fresh men would take the floor, replacing two who would then rest for a short time before taking up in one or two others. This helped to keep a fresh team on the floor, but all schemes failed to keep Jones and Moore from securing the ball and adding enough points to make victory secure for the local team.

Bob Whyte handled the whistle.

The teams were: Metropolitans, John Brindley, 8; Stan Moore, 8; Verno Jones, 14; Jim Dangerfield, 2; Gus McKinney, 6.

Ex-Normals—H. Gamey, —; Earl Boyes, 10; Jim Boyes, 5; Cal Boyes, 2; "Tat" Boyes, —; G. Craig, —; Don McKenzie, 6.

BUT IT DIDN'T WORK

The Native Sons, Vancouver's best bet, were advertised to play the Mets, but on arriving in Victoria decided that they would much rather have the honor of tripling in the famous Victoria Thistles, on a Victoria field, thereby creating a much more of a sensation in local basket-ball circles.

The Firsts were quite willing to accommodate them, so Vancouver's Senior League leaders lined up for the opening game in a somewhat spectacular fashion. In view of this game could hardly be compared with the wonderful exhibition of speed shown by the ex-Normals and Metropolitans. Each team appeared too anxious to win close-checking featuring the greater part of the game.

GOOD IN SPOTS

Neither team, it was evident, was playing the game they were capable of, although flashes of speed here and there made the game an interesting one. Six points each was the sum total of the scoring in the first period.

The second period was faster, with both teams trying their hardest to secure a lead. "Red" Hastings, who missed several golden opportunities to score, eventually steadied down and slipped in two nice shots. Whyte and McKinney added six points and although the Firsts needed a forward of the Sons, nearly evened the score several times, the Firsts ran out victorious by five points.

The teams were:

First Presbyterians—"Red" Hastings, 6; Ed. Breckenridge, —; Norm Forbes, 3; Bob Whyte, 5; Gus McKinney, 3; Foubert, 1; Tom MacAdam, 3; Hunter, —; Johnson, 2; Stevens, —; Woodcock, 2; Boyes, —; Wood.

Referee, Tom De Macedo.

CHRIST CHURCH WINNS

St. Andrew's met Christ Church in a hard fought senior girls' game, the latter winning by twenty-one to fifteen. St. Andrew's secured an early lead but the Cathedral girls ended up and scored another just as the first period closed, making the score seven to five at half time.

St. Andrew's and the locals' one went ahead twice in the second period and appeared to be going fast enough to win, but during the last five minutes Prairie Gates and Kathy Wellburn scored six points in rapid style, thereby securing a win after a very exciting second period. Rita Kelly scored two nice shots for St. Andrew's, while Dorothy Mellish twice evaded all the opposing team and ended up by putting the ball in the basket.

The teams were:

St. Andrew's—Rita Kelly, 4; Helen Brownson, 2; Iola Worthington, —; Dorothy Melville, 5; Helen Crickshank, 2.

Cathedral—Phyllis Gates, 8; Flora Gates, 3; Gracie Wellburn, 1; Marjorie Locke, —.

Regina Is Again Defeated, Eskimos Performing Trick

Team Which Started Out so Well at Home Finds Road Journey Rather Hard

W.C.H.A. Standing

Saskatoon	12	5	5	2	28	35	12
Calgary	7	6	1	0	22	18	12
Regina	9	5	2	1	23	18	11
Edmonton	8	3	2	1	18	18	8

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 31.—In a fast game that kept the capacity house in an uproar from beginning to end, the Eskimos defeated the Regina Capitals at the arm's length. Scored 19 to 1. This was the Capital's second defeat in two days, Calgary defeating them Friday by 4-1.

Both teams fought strenuously for the points, but the Eskimos had a decided edge in territorial play, speed and punch in the attack. McCusker in the nest for Regina put up a wonderful performance. The effect of the three-man rushes of the Eskimos pierced the Regina defence, only to have McCusker saved miraculously.

The ice was keen, and both teams set out at a fast clip, which they maintained till the end. Regina relied mainly on two-men rushes, keeping the play on the perimeter, while the Eskimos had two- and three-man raids. The tireless back checking of the Eskimos forward was a vital factor in the result. Keats was brilliant. Winkler, Arbour and Sparrow ran him a close second.

KEATS GETS NICE GOAL

For the Capitals McCusker was easily the best. Stanley and Dick Irvin both played effective and popular games. Irvin's goal was the result of a pretty piece of individual work. Keats' goal was the best of the night.

Summary

First period—1, Regina, Irvin, 16.00.

Second period—2, Edmonton, Keats, 18.32.

Third period—3, Edmonton, Arbour from Sparrow, 2.02; 4, Edmonton, Arbour, 15.28.

Line-Up

Edmonton Position Regina
Winkler Defence Traubski
Simpson Defence Dutkowsky
Dance Defence Keats
Trapp Forward Stanley
Keats Forward Gagne
Arbour Forward McVeigh
Morrisson Sub Irvin
Sheppard Sub Newell
Campbell Sub Asseline

In order to boost junior football in the city a game will be staged on New Year's morning at the Royal Athletic Park between the Spanish Thistles, leaders of the Victoria Junior Football League, and a team picked from the rest of the league. The game will be called at 11 o'clock. The game is being staged with a view to developing and encouraging of talent among the junior football players of the city.

The teams will be as follows:

Victoria—Goal, Shrimpton (Hudson's Bay); backs, Hay (Teamsters), and H. Copas (Broad Street); half-backs, Land (Teamsters), Speak (Teamsters), and Ward (Garrison), forwards, Cummings (Garrison), Humphreys (Garrison), Coulter (Garrison), Davis (Teamsters), and Pocock (Garrison).

Vancouver—Goal, Entwistle (Spencer's); backs, Abras (Spencer's), Williams (Fraser Valley); half-backs, Bailey (Spencer's), captain, Pickens (Fraser Valley); and Chalmers (Mounted Police); forwards, Arnold (Burns Retail), Clayton (Spencer's), Rouse (Burns Retail), Finlayson (Shelly's), and Wilson (Spencer's).

Montreal, Dec. 31—Canadiens materially bettered their position in the N.H.L. race when they captured the opening game of the local professional hockey season, blanking the St. Patricks here Saturday night three to zero. Superbly played throughout the game of a light, young, aggressive forward-line over an attacking combination of heavier and older players was responsible for the locals' victory. It was only the splendid work of Roach in the nets of the visitors that kept the Canadiens wings from adding further to their record.

Considerable interest is being taken in the game by local supporters, as it is expected it will be keenly contested. The Mainlanders are sending over a strong line-up. They have a great league in Vancouver and play fine soccer. The locals, however, are not a bit alarmed at the array of talent they will meet. The brand of football dished up by the Victoria mid-leaguers is of the highest and the home team is confident of giving the highly-touted Vancouverites a real good game. Spencer's eleven are at present leading the Vancouver league and four of their crack players will be seen in action to-morrow.

This is the first time that the Wednesday League has attempted an inter-city game and the officials are of the opinion that such a game will receive the whole-hearted support of the sporting public.

CHANGE IN LINE-UP

With the football game at the Royal Athletic Park between the representative team of the Vancouver Wednesday League and a picked eleven from the local mid-week league, the only sporting attraction for New Year's afternoon, it is expected that a large attendance of soccer fans will be on hand to witness the match. The game will be called at 2:30 o'clock sharp with Fred Oliver handling the whistle.

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dall, 4.15.

Second period—Two, Ottawa, Cy-

Deneen, 17.02.

Third period—Three, Hamilton,

Burch, 3.15; four, Ottawa, Broadbent, 2.00.

Overtime—Five, Hamilton, S. Green,

12.22.

Outclassing their opponents in all respects of the game, the Esquimalt football team advanced two points nearer to the league leaders by defeating the Veterans' eleven on Saturday afternoon at the Royal Ath-

letic Park, by the score of seven goals to four. The Vets were at a decided disadvantage without the services of Leach, the star goalie, who is on the sick list, and Fred Orr, who was badly injured in last week's match. As a result of their win the boys from the dockyard district have now advanced into second position, while the soldiers have dropped into the third. The game was greatly slowed up on account of the bad weather, but the players did not let this affect their play.

Throughout the entire struggle the locals maintained a continual bombardment on the visiting defense players and on coach in the middle of the field. In the latter half of the game St. Patricks' resistance weakened and three goals went by Roach.

Summary

First period—No score.

Second period—One, Canadiens,

Boucher, 6.06; two, Canadiens, Joliat, 12.06.

Third period—Three, Canadiens, Jo-

lat, 8.15.

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WORLD UNREST THROUGHOUT 1923

Ruhr Seizure Upsets Balance

Each year in history has its own particular interest or circumstance that in the power of its impression surpasses all other occurrences in the period. This does not imply that the same circumstance is equally potent in its influence on every nation alike or that the same incident is necessarily of leading importance in every country of the world. Yet one event stands out above all others every year in the extent of its power to mold history.

During the year which is just about to close the outstanding event was the occupation of certain German territory in the Rhine-land and the Ruhr by French troops. This has probably gravely affected more people and has had a greater influence on history than any other occurrence of 1923. This has probably gravely who might regard the signing of the Halibut Treaty or the holding of the Imperial Conference as of more vital importance to the Dominion, some in the United States who might regard the accession of President Coolidge to power as of more import. To Japan the cataclysmal earthquake was probably the outstanding event. Jugo-Slav might think the signing of the Santa Margherita Treaty as the great event of the year. Yet on the whole the occupation of the Ruhr will probably go down to history as the key-note of the year's history.

CANADA

Outside of the Federal Government domain two Provincial elections were held during the year. On June 15 in Ontario, the leader of the United Farmers of Ontario, was defeated by the Conservatives, led by G. Howard Ferguson. The result of the polling gave seventy-five Conservatives, twenty-three Liberals, seventeen United Farmers, four other parties and one independent. On the following day Mr. J. J. Urquhart resigned and Mr. Ferguson formed his new Cabinet.

One month later an election was held in Prince Edward Island, under the federal Government, headed by H. E. Bowditch, defeated by the Conservatives in almost every constituency, and in most cases by large majorities.

A referendum on the liquor question was held in two Provinces. On June 22 Manitoba voted against prohibition, while supporting the principle of the Government control of liquor sales, while subsequently, on July 11, a bill to legalize the drinking of beer and light wines in the dining rooms of licensed hotels was defeated by a large majority.

A referendum was held in Alberta on November 12 on the system of Government control of liquor sales. It was carried by a large majority. Later in the month petitions were presented to Premier Dunning, of Saskatchewan, by the Moderation League asking that the question of prohibition be submitted to the electorate of the Province.

WORLD-FAMOUS VISITORS

Two distinguished visitors came to Canada last Fall. The Prince of Wales, travelling in official capacity, arrived in Quebec on the Empress of France on September 12, and proceeded to his ranch in Calgary, where he enjoyed a holiday. He returned after less than a month in Alberta, reaching Montreal on October 10 and leaving for England aboard the Empress of France on October 13.

Former Premier David Lloyd George arrived on a visit to the chief cities of Eastern Canada and the United States on Saturday evening, October 6. He addressed ten thousand people in the Mount Royal Auditorium on Monday. The following day he visited Toronto, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Winnipeg, and crossed the border into the United States through Emerson by the Soo Line to Minneapolis. Both in Canada and the United States he was acclaimed by enormous and enthusiastic crowds.

Two conferences attended by representatives of all units of the British Empire were held in London this year, the Imperial Conference and the Economic Conference. Hon. George P. Graham, Hon. G. G. Gosling and Hon. George P. Graham represented Canada, and the sittings lasted from October 1 to November 8. The range of subjects was broad, varying from naval defence to questions of citizenship and nationality by statute and by Executive Order, extension of the three-mile limit. The Government announced that a preference tax would be placed upon certain articles with a view to stimulating production within the Empire. These included tinned salmon, dried fruits, tobacco. No preference was given to Empire-grown wheat.

A NOTORIOUS TRIAL

A dramatic trial that excited interest throughout Canada was the charging of Father Delorme, an adherent of the Roman Catholic Church, with the murder of his half-brother. At a previous trial a plea of insanity had been brought in and upheld, but the priest was adjudged capable of standing trial later, and his case was heard from October 26 to July 22. Chief Justice Lemire of Quebec presided. After hearing the evidence, the jury disagreed, ten standing for conviction and two for acquittal. The accused was returned to jail without bail and the case will be heard again next year.

An important case was the hearing of the Balfour Appeal by British Columbia against the decision of the Railway Commission. The issue was a complicated one, arising out of the old Crow's Nest Pass Agreement with the C.P.R., and in effect B.C. asked that the rate for freight haul from British Columbia over the Rockies be on any other consideration.

On October 31, Sir Charles Flitpatrick finished his term of office as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, and Hon. L. P. Brodeur was installed in office. The Prairie provinces joined in a bumper crop, the estimated yield of the chief products being: Wheat, 469,761,000 bushels; oats, 345,757,000 bushels, and barley, 62,569,000 bushels. An important conference of Provincial Premiers was held in Ottawa late in November, when immigration was the chief topic. The restrictions on immigration would be removed and intimated that artisans would be sought for abroad and that immigration in future would not be confined to agriculturists.

A conference of the National Bureau of Education was held in Toronto in the middle of April, at which Sir Michael Sadler, Sir Henry Newbold and General Sir Robert Baden-Powell were speakers.

THE LEGISLATURE

The second session of the fourteenth Parliament of Canada, which opened



Retrospection

GRIEVANCES AND ONTARIO

Plunkett and Mary Macswiney were captured.

PEACE OFFER

On April 27 De Valera makes an offer of peace on certain terms and an end to hostilities. On August 15, at Ennis, County Clare, Eamon de Valera was captured while preparing to make an election speech. He made no resistance. Irish delegates are welcomed to the Imperial Conference of the British dominions on October 1. A domestic loan of \$10,000,000 is successfully floated in Ireland. As the year closes Ireland faces an era of quiet and prosperity with greater confidence than at any time in her long history.

UNITED STATES

The debt funding negotiations, which have been deadlocked since an end on February 16 when the Senate ratified the agreement reached between Britain and the United States. The action of the French in occupying certain German territories in the Ruhr area to the withdrawal of the American troops from China on January 24. Nine days before this the first wireless telephone conversation across the Atlantic between New York and Paris was recorded. On February 25 Premier Baldwin, speaking at Plymouth, let out the first hint of the adoption of a policy of a preferential tariff. On April 1 the United States Senate rejected the British proposal and the Conference broke down. On January 8 French troops began their march into the Ruhr, and on the 11th they were joined by British troops occupied on January 16, and the mark took a spectacular drop to \$0.00 per ton.

On February 10 France took control of the coal mines, and on January 23 Thyssen and other magnates were condemned and fined. On February 5 the Germans struck in the occupied areas. On February 22 Doumergue was elected president of the French Senate. On March 1 French and Belgian civil administration was set up for the whole of the occupied Rhineland. On March 20 Paris went into mourning for the funeral of the great tragic actress Sarah Bernhardt. On March 31, there was a clash at Essen and seven persons were killed.

GRIP TIGHTENS

On April 12 France protested to the United States against the concession demanded by the Argonne Government of valuable oil leases to Rear Admiral Chester. The grip on the Ruhr gradually tightened during the next few months, and disorders were met with drastic and severe punishment.

On July 11, the French Senate ratified the Little Entente Naval Treaty and the associate treaties.

On September 24, President Ebert and Chancellor Stresemann of Germany formally told France that they will abandon the policy of fierce resistance and on October 9, Germany invited Belgium to join them in a joint alliance against the Central Powers.

On October 12, German miners sign an agreement to work in the French mines. On November 13, the French Chamber, after a four month's recess, gives a vote of confidence to Premier Poincaré. On November 12, France proposes a committee of experts to settle the conditions and the negotiations continue for a conference until they break down as detailed under the heading United States. On November 18, France is stated to be ready to lend a sum of 1,500,000 francs (which would pay 3 per cent.

of her debt to Britain) to the Little Entente, large credits having already been made to Poland, Rumania and Jugoslavia. On December 2, it is announced in Paris by Poincaré that there would be a slight relaxation of the grip on the Ruhr.

On December 4, M. Millerand threatened to resign if the old electoral law was reverted to by action of the Chamber.

With the coming of December Poincaré showed a more conciliatory spirit. On December 9, it was announced that the Allies had agreed to withdraw from their deliberations. In turn, Germany was threatened with complete isolation if she persisted in her course.

The dispute between Poland and Lithuania was the subject of a conference at Helsinki on March 5, and a protocol fixing the boundaries was signed at Paris on March 15.

The interesting events occurred in Mexico late in January. On January 26 Miss N. A. Tata was admitted as the first woman barrister of Indian birth into the Inn of Court. Three days later the King received the paramount chieftain of the Aztecs.

In Mexico City riots by Yaqui soldiers were further rioting in Mexico.

There was further rioting in Mexico in late March and early April. On September 1, the United States Government recognized the new government of General Obregon for the first time.

Relations were broken off in 1915, with bloodshed between the two factions of Obregon and Huerta, each striving to jockey for position in view of the holding of the four yearly election for the presidency next year.

SPAIN'S REVOLUTION

In Spain, there was a general strike called at Barcelona following the murder of San Juan, a socialist leader, but this was quieted. On September 1 a crisis in the political life of the country suddenly developed when the Spanish Cabinet resigned, and on September 3, a Spanish junta or military group started at Madrid at Barcelona headed by General Miguel Primo de Rivera. King Alfonso XIII appointed him Prime Minister and purged the revolting officers, and on September 15, Rivera took office as military dictator of Spain.

Later in November, accompanied by the King, Rivera paid his respects to the Pope and also to Mussolini and the King.

On March 26, it was announced that Madrid was almost surrounded by flood and grave fears were expressed for the safety of the people.

On April 27, the Governor of Murcia, General Leonid, and Cortes, which had occupied in defiance of the protest of the League of Nations, and at the same time the League of Nations was awarded 56,000,000 lire because the ambassadors said that the Greeks had not shown sufficient diligence in investigating the Jameson raiders.

Mussolini argued that the trouble between Greece and Italy was a matter of national honor and was no concern of the League.

It was thought at one time that a European war might arise out of these differences. On November 15, the President of Spain, King Alfonso, made a joint visit to Premier Mussolini and King Emmanuel and to the Vatican. It is said that as the outcome of the visit there will be closer relations between these two Mediterranean powers in the near future.

RUSSIA

Little news of great importance came out of Russia during the twelve months now closing. On April 3, in spite of many protests from all parts of the civilized world, high officials of the Russian Church were executed for alleged plotting against the Soviet Government, although Archbishop Tikhon is reprieved and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. On April 1, the Communists in parade added the last insult to the Christian Church by parading the Patriarch in remote Moscow. Early in May, Britain delivered an ultimatum to Soviet Russia demanding the redress of certain grievances. These were met with above. On May 12, Lenin Krassin delivered the first rays of the sun, and the Russian capital by airplane! On June 8, Kameneff, acting Premier of Soviet Russia, expressed the gratitude of that country for the American Relief Administration. During the height of the Greek-Italian trouble late in August it was reported that Soviet forces were being mobilized. The harvest was reported to be beyond the highest estimate on September 30.

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR

JANUARY

- 5 Prof. John Waddell, Queen's University, Kingston, 54.
- 6 Dr. E. D. Sutherland, Auditor-General of Canada, 79.
- 11 Ex-King Constantine of Greece, 54.
- 12 Alexandre Ribot, former Premier of France, 81.
- 17 Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture and Colonies, 54.
- 18 Wallace Reid, film actor, 31.
- 22 Dr. Max Nordau, German philosopher, 72.

FEBRUARY

- 4 General Tomozumi Kuroki, Japanese General, 78.
- 6 Dr. Bernhard E. Fernow, Professor of Forestry, Toronto, 72.
- 6 Hon. Dominique Monet, Judge Quebec Courts, 58.
- 10 President W. V. Roerig, X-Ray, 77.
- 17 Mrs. Laura Ormiston Chant, British lecturer, 75.
- 21 Sir Thomas Roddick, M.D., surgeon, Montreal, 76.
- 24 Rev. Dr. Robert Stuart Macarthur, Anglican divine, 51.
- 24 Clemensse Tower, former U.S. ambassador, 75.
- 26 George Clarke Holland, editor Senate Debates, 76.

MARCH

- 1 Sir Walter Cassels, Judge of Exchequer Court of Canada, 74.
- 1 W. Bourke Cochran, Irish-American leader, 49.
- 2 Hon. Joseph Martin, Vancouver, B.C. "Stormy Petrel" of Canadian politics, 70.
- 5 Dean William R. Harris, Toronto, 76.
- 6 Arthur St. Laurent, president Canadian Institute of Canada, 63.
- 4 Professor J. D. van der Waals, Dutch scientist, 65.
- 16 Former Queen Milena of Montenegro, 76.
- 18 Dr. James Rhoades, British scholar, 81.
- 21 Henry Edward Krehbiel, American author, critic, 69.
- 22 Benjamin W. Leader, R.A., English painter, 92.
- 22 Leonard R. Steel, L.R. Steel Corporation, Buffalo, 45.
- 26 Sarah Bernhardt, French actress, 78.
- 28 John D. Cameron, Judge Manitoba Court of Appeal, 55.
- 28 Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Fellowes, 95.
- 27 Sir James Dewar, British scientist, 82.

APRIL

- 1 Senator Joseph Gedout, M.D., Beauce, 73.
- 11 Hon. John C. Kaine, Minister of Fisheries, 68.
- 3 Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Cameron, D.S.O., Canadian soldier, 59.
- 4 William Hurrell Mallock, English writer, 74.
- 5 Earl of Carnarvon, discoverer of tomb of King Tutankhamen, 57.
- 11 Sir Edward Elgar, oldest English barrister, 100.
- 15 John Robert Cowell, J.P., Clerk of Legislative Assembly, Alberta, 74.
- 15 Colonel Joseph Boyle, Klondike adventurer, 55.
- 17 Dame Alice T. Tuttle, Episcopalian Bishop, U.S., 86.
- 17 Laurence Ginnell, Irish politician, 69.
- 25 Sir Louis Olivier Tonnall, former Premier of Quebec, 83.
- 27 Brig.-General James Mitchell, Guelph, Canadian soldier, 66.
- 29 Frederick Morris Drake ("Maurice Drake") English novelist, 47.

MAY

- 4 Sir William Robertson Nicoll, British editor, 71.
- 4 John Howard Parnell, brother of Charles Stewart Parnell, 89.
- 11 William M. Hale, founder Orrilla Packet, 78.
- 14 Rev. A. Macdonald, editor, Toronto, 61.
- 14 Professor John Cox, former McGill professor, Montreal, 72.
- 15 John Seymour Lucas, R.A., British painter, 73.
- 15 Charles Louis de Freycinet, former Premier of France, 55.
- 16 General J. Gould, American financier, 59.
- 61 Hon. Benjamin Rogers, Lieutenant-Governor P.E.I., 86.
- 15 Lieut.-Col. Andrew C. P. Hazard, British writer, 68.
- 22 Lady Constance Lyon, former English suffragette, London, 75.
- 23 Dr. Henry Bradley, editor Oxford English Dictionary, 75.
- 24 Robert Ness Howick, Que., prize cattle breeder, 83.
- 29 Viscount Chaplin, "Squire of Blankney," 83.
- 30 Victor Geoffrion, K.C., Montreal architect, 55.

JUNE

- 5 Thomas Baring, banker, London, 78.
- 7 Alfred Croiset, French scholar, 78.
- 8 Senator A. E. Forget, former Lieutenant-Governor, Saskatchewan, 74.
- 9 Princess Christian, daughter Queen Victoria, 77.
- 16 Pierre Loti (Louis Marie Julien Vian), French author, 72.
- 16 Rudolph Boudreau, British civil engineer, 72.
- 17 Lieut.-Col. Andrew C. P. Hazard, British writer, 68.
- 21 Thomas Seacombe, M.A., I.L.D., Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., 57.
- 24 Major-General R. G. Edwards Lackie, Canadian soldier, 53.
- 28 Sir James Reid, Bart., Royal Physician, 73.

JULY

- 1 Arthur W. Marchmont, British novelist, 71.
- 3 Senator William Henry Thorne, St. John, N.B., 78.
- 11 Albert Chevalier, English actor, 62.
- 13 Hon. T. J. McGuire, first Chief Justice, Supreme Court N.W.T., 74.
- 16 Louis Couperus, Dutch novelist, 60.
- 17 Colonel Sir John S. Hendrie, former Lieut.-Governor Ontario, 65.
- 20 Sir John G. Rutherford, Ottawa, Railway Commissioner, 66.
- 24 Sir Charles Hawtrey, British actor-manager, 65.
- 25 Warren G. Harding, President U.S.A., 57.
- 4 Dr. Benjamin Suite, French-Canadian historian, 82.
- 5 Lieut.-Gen. Sir Edward Hutton, 75.

AUGUST

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THE TIMES DAILY PICTURE PAGE



DEPICTING BIBLE STORY.—Anton Lang, the Christus of the Oberammergau "Passion Play," is shown beside one of his works in tile stone, depicting a story from Bible history.



MRS. DORRIT S. WOOD.—of Westfield, Mass., values her home at a cool million dollars. She is suing her wealthy parents-in-law for that sum, claiming that they alienated the affections of her husband.



THE WINTER SOCIAL AND SPORTING SEASON is in full swing at Davos Platz, Switzerland.



LATEST STOOL PIGEON STUNT.—"Mama dolls! Mama dolls!" Buy your little girl a mama doll." A housewife looked up and saw a young man holding a big blue-eyed fluffy-haired doll under each arm, looking at her imploringly. "Come in," she said. He did, but while praising his wares kept looking-around with more than casual interest. The woman suddenly seemed alarmed and rushed to the kitchen. So did the salesman, who dropped his doll and seized the woman's wrist just as she was about to empty a jug of moonshine whisky into the sink. Then he arrested her for bootlegging. He is liquor enforcement officer Arthur Koch, and the dolls are his decoys in piling up a record of arrests.



NAVAL BOYS VISIT SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Natives of Kieta, Solomon Islands, pick up easy money when the naval boys are given shore liberty. These petty officers are buying bows and arrows to exhibit to their bored relatives at home.



"NOT INFALLIBLE."—Dr. John Roach Stratton of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City (above), lost a debate to Rev. Charles F. Potter of the Unitarian Church, New York (below), on the question: "Resolved That the Bible Is the Infallible Word of God." Dr. Stratton upheld the affirmative end of the argument. The debate was staged as part of the fundamentalist-modernist controversy raging in the East. Nearly 2,500 persons heard it and thousands were turned away.



PETER KIRKEGAARD, well-known mining engineer and vice-consul of Denmark, is dead in Toronto, aged seventy.



GENERAL ANGEL FLORES, who aspires to become president of Mexico, has temporarily announced his relinquishment of the candidacy in order to aid President Obregon to maintain order in the republic. It is said that Flores will now have a better chance of election than ever.



THE INNOCENT VICTIMS.—It was a blue Christmas for Mrs. Leo Koretz, wife of the "Chicago Ponzi," and her two little children. The husband, accused of swindling hundreds in bogus oil transactions, is being hunted over land and sea. And the wife, who, according to authorities, also lost money in her husband's alleged illegal speculations, has given up considerable of her personal property in an attempt to alleviate the losses of others.



BOBBED HAIR!—The only woman ambassador in the world is Mrs. Kolontay (above). She's the Bolshevik envoy to Norway. She's a real diplomat, they say.



BUDDIE AND HIS FRIENDS

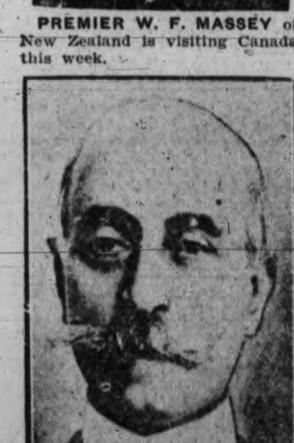
By Robt. L. Dickey



Metropolitan Newspaper Service



CHARLES S. MORGAN, Hamilton lawyer, has arrived at Minneapolis to carry out "Red" Ryan's legal battle against deportation to Canada.



PREMIER W. F. MASSEY of New Zealand is visiting Canada this week.



ADMIRAL KOUNDOURIOTIS is regent of Greece following the flight of King George and Queen Elizabeth.

MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, son of the Duke of Devonshire, was victorious in the West Derbyshire by-election. The seat was held for nearly two centuries by members of the Cavendish family until 1918, when the late Charles F. White secured it for the Liberals. The Marquis is a Conservative.



TARGET PRACTICE



Wall Street TO-DAY

Last Minute News on Stocks
and Financial
Affairs

New York, Dec. 31
HIGHER OIL PRICES SEND STOCKS UP

Burdick Bros. — Prices averaged higher to-day under the leadership of U.S. Steel, which moved into new high ground since the forward movement of security prices got under way. The general list gathered strength. The oils were again prominent on the upside, the equipments were in better demand and several specialties were prominently active and strong. Another advance in Pennsylvania crude oil prices was announced this morning as the signal for fresh buying operations in the oil section of the list.

It is believed that California crude oil will be advanced immediately after the turn of the new year.

The remarks of prominent business men in the industrial world, the substance of which expressed the view that better business will be the order of things in the year to come, without great effect on sentiment.

As we approach the New Year there seems to be a pronounced air of confidence with respect to the business outlook in general.

BALDWIN REDUCES OPERATIONS

B. A. Bond: Baldwin Loco. Works this week will have under 12,000 men at work compared with 21,500 at peak of years operations. Unfilled orders between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 against December shipments of over \$10,000,000 last year — net profit exceeded \$9,500,000, making it best year in company's history.

HOUSMAN

FAVORS RAIL GROW

B. A. Bond: A. A. Housman and Co. said this morning:

"We believe that on any further advances in the oil group profits should be accepted. We are not bearing in mind the group, but the rise in the oils has been much more extensive than anyone looked for, and seems to have discounted probable betterment in earnings during the next few months."

"We like the rails as they have not kept pace with the advance in the balance of the market, and while they may be low there is no doubt that large sums have been spent for improvements, and this will tell in earnings when the physical condition of the roads is such that further expenditures for extension and betterments are unnecessary."

RAILS AND OILS

ACTIVE AND HIGHER

B. A. Bond: A good deal of strength was shown in to-day's stock market, especially in the railroad stocks. New York Central, Great Northern, Union Pacific and Baltimore and Ohio were up a point. Southern Railway was far the strongest rail and dividend rumors on this issue were revived. It is quite likely that the market stood well by a large dividend increase. The oils were carried forward again under the leadership of Producers and Refiners, which gained \$5 to day and held most of the advance at the close. Maxwell was a strong feature in the motors and the steel group was featured by U. S. Steel, which crossed par, a new high point for this movement.

A strong undertone prevailed at the close.

The Washington Government has agreed to sell a quantity of war material to the Oregon Government, according to dispatches.

Say, Wallace in a review of the year from an agricultural standpoint announced in the papers to-night that conditions augur well for continued improvement in the material properties of the American farmer.

Chesapeake & Ohio November operating income \$879,992, against \$728,577 in 1922.

Texas & Pacific net operating income \$56,892, against \$324,991.

Shreveport says the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana has advanced prices on all grades of crude oil 15 cents a barrel.

Copper, lead and zinc showed a decided increase in production during the year.

In the case of the first and last, however, consumption, although of extra-excessive proportions, did not keep pace with production, and profits were limited accordingly.

The oil industry has had a disquieting year, though the future looks very promising.

Complete disorganization following the January earthquake, the silk market toward the end of the year got back to levels which obtained before the disaster or below them.

Dow Jones averages: Twenty industrials 26.23, up 11; twenty rails 30.63, up .52; forty leading bonds 56.61, up .61.

TO-DAY'S TRADING IN WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—No special feature in the closing day of the year on the grain exchange. There was a fair volume of business; some buying which had worked off the market, over the week-end in wheat that is lower Lake port, and considerable adjustment of grain prices. The market, however, did not show a little early strength while the buying was in large volume, but as this was the case of the first and last, however, consumption, although of extra-excessive proportions, did not keep pace with production, and profits were limited accordingly.

The cash markets again were devoid of feature.

Wheat—Open High Low Close
Dec. 31 52% 52% 52% 52%
May 59% 59% 59% 59%
July 161 161 160% 160%

Oats—37% 37% 37% 37%
Dec. 31 42% 42% 42% 42%

Barley—18% 18% 18% 18%
Dec. 31 58% 58% 58% 58%

Flax—20% 20% 20% 20%
Dec. 31 20% 20% 20% 20%

Hay—20% 20% 20% 20%
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Cash Prices—
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Nor. 52% 1 No. 4. 72% 2 No. 3. 68%
Oct. 42% 42% 42% 42%
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C. W. 17% 17% 17% 17%

Hay—C. W. 65%

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York Stock Exchange, Dec. 31, 1923

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723 Fort Street

TO MAKE VICTORIA A DIVISION POINT

Sun Life Assurance Company Extends in This City

With W. E. G. McLagan named as manager, the Sun Life Assurance Company has decided to make Victoria a division point with its headquarters in the Sayard Building. Mr. McLagan's new territory comprises the whole of Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlotte Islands. All business from up-island centres will now pass through the Victoria office instead of through the Main office in Montreal.

One of the principal reasons why the Sun Life Assurance Company has decided to establish this office is the fact that it has in the Orient. A large number of people coming from the Orient will reside here, whom the company has business will bring their business transferred point of call. This business, in the first place, will be handled through the Vancouver office.

Mr. McLagan, who has been appointed manager, has been a resident of Vancouver for over ten years and is well known among business men. He has been associated in the insurance work for over fifteen years. He was one of the "originals" left for China in 1918. Fulfilled in August, 1914, the first unit to leave Victoria for overseas, he served with First Canadian Division, and was promoted to Captain in 1919. Mr. McLagan was the appointed local representative of the Sun Life Assurance Company here, which he has done with great success.

The Sun Life Assurance Company, which is a Canadian concern, with its head office in Montreal, is one of the largest financial institutions in Canada. Its assets exceed over \$200,000,000. It operates under twenty-five flags, in forty-two countries and on five continents.

STRENGTH SHOWN BY BANK REPORT

Bank of Toronto Had a Successful Year

The year had full share of natural drawbacks. Weather conditions failed to disrupt business in the Spring and again in the Fall, stretches of cold and mild weather alternating, while crop yields were reduced by excessive dry or wet weather or by insect ravages. Still, yields to the farmer, these taken collectively, were bettered in 1923 from a pecuniary standpoint.

Taken as a whole, the manufacturing industries, after the great surge forward in the first few months, had to operate in a year of comparative standstill.

The price situation became fairly stabilized in the course of the year, but there were enough exceptions to give serious concern to producers, manufacturers, distributors and consumers.

It was a year of full, in fact flush, employment, with labor scarcity present until late in the year, and public purchasing ability, except in the cases of some wheat.

With \$1,061,241 carried forward from 1922, and a balance of \$2,045,911 available for distribution.

A dividend of twelve per cent: \$600,000 was paid; \$100,000 was reserved for contingencies, \$100,000 was transferred to the officers' pension fund and \$150,000 was written off bank premises, leaving the sum of \$1,170,911 an increase of \$109,970.

The rest and undivided profits now amount to \$7,150,911, with paid up capital of \$6,000,000.

AVAILABLE ASSETS

The immediately available assets: \$47,097,140, show an increase of \$6,344,508, and are equal to 53.8 per cent of the total assets of the bank against 49.46 per cent in 1922, representing a very strong liquid position.

Loans and Investments in securities aggregated \$76,872,225.

Deposits, \$1,061,241, show an increase of \$6,083,953; call loans, \$6,498,696, a reduction of \$1,127,503, and commercial loans, \$48,635,548, a decrease of \$1,777,701.

Total assets are now \$10,081,466, an increase of \$5,625,224 for the year.

Bank circulation at \$7,877,357, an increase of \$482,850.

Deposits, \$74,875,024, are up \$1,196,207 over the previous year.

GRAINS RALLY IN CHICAGO TO-DAY

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Wheat: The market feature was the late rally in December wheat. Outside of this the market did not show any great strength and the rallies ran into commission house and local selling both.

The cables were at little higher than the previous day, but still only in 1½ per cent.

There appears to be little change in the cash situation, and none immediately likely. The foreign markets are all at a big discount under ours. A little early buying was based on some apprehension over the new crop winter wheat.

However, as far as appears to be concerned, the cash wave, there is not much anxiety on the part of the market.

Northwest and West receipts are small with Canadian movement probably will be less with the regular Canadian Winter setting in. However, Canadian stocks gained 7,196,000 bushels for the week and there is plenty of Canadian wheat with all the usual situations around the lakes and in the East. In our opinion the market is a two-sided proposition.

Corn: Scored a good rally early, but sold off later, and the market generally will be heavy in the trade.

There was pretty well evening up apparently. Cold weather taken into account, bushels were taken that the demand would be increased. But bearish as tending to put grain in the better shape to ship. The country offerings are moderate, especially from Iowa and Illinois. Shipping sales were 30,000 bushels, the trade being of a small proportion. Cash corn was relatively a little firmer. On the dips, we favor the buying side.

Deliveries were 945,000 with sales to store of 100,000 bushels.

Oats: There was moderate buying at times by commission houses, but the trade was narrow as a rule and there was no special feature.

Shipping sales were 350,000 bushels, 100,000 cars delivered, were 65,000 bushels.

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Barley—Open 101.1 101.0 100.0 101.1
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Close 102.5 102.4 101.3 102.5

Flax—Open 101.0 100.9 100.8 101.0
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Meal—Open 101.0 100.9 100.8 101.0
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Births, Marriages, Deaths**DIED**

KEAPPOCK—On Dec. 29, 1922, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Mrs. Maria Keappock, aged 72 years, died in Bathurst, County Meath, Ireland. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. H. Hayes and Mrs. E. W. Keappock, and three sons, Joseph of Seattle; Thomas, in Victoria, and Michael in Vancouver.

The remains are resting at the chapel of the B.C. Funeral Co., where the funeral will take place on Sunday morning at 8:45, preceding to St. Andrew's Catholic Cathedral where Mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

PRIOR—On December 29, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Levy, of 1025 Baldwin Road, Henry Augustus Prior, aged 72 years, died in Victoria, and resident of this city for the past twenty years. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary G. Prior, two sons, Messrs. George William and Thomas Prior, of this city.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, January 2, at 3:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. William Stevenson will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

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MORAN MEETS SHUGRUE

TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 31.—Jimmy Blouin, world's champion bowler, had an off day here Saturday, and won only two games out of a series of twelve played against local men. He declared the Moose Jaw bowlers the best he has met in Canada so far. Blouin's highest single game here yesterday was 203, while Nemo Hunter, an opponent in the afternoon series, chalked up 246. Blouin's average for the first six games was 191 and Hunter 201.

In the evening the champion had a little better luck, and he managed to get second place, against three local men. Blouin got 309 for five games and Frost 240. In an extra game with Frost he made 157 against the local man's 142. The average for six games in the evening was Blouin, 175; Frost, 180.

Paddock Wants to be Reinstated But Will Not Apologize

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Although Charles Paddock, "world's fastest human," will apply for reinstatement in the amateur athletic union in order to become eligible to compete for a place on the 1924 American Olympic team, declared here last night, he will not retract anything he has said about that organization.

Paddock's decision to apply for reinstatement was made to meet the request of General Palmer Pierce, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, made Friday night before the close of the annual competition in Atlanta.

His decision followed the recommendations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. "I will apply for reinstatement in the A.A.U." Paddock said. "But I cannot take back what I have not said, and I will not take back what I have said."

OLD COUNTRY RUGBY

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable)—Football games played in the Old Country Saturday under the auspices of the Rugby Union resulted as follows:

Portsmouth Services 26, Public Schools 15.

Old Blues 30, Old Hailshamians 17.

Saracens 0, Old Elthamians 11.

Wasps 24, Ealing 0.

London Welsh 23, Metropolitan Police 14.

Honorable Artillery Company 4.

Old Paulines 8.

Chelmsford 11, Barrow 8.

University College School Old Boys 41, Old Leylines 6.

Old Dumontians & Charlton Park 6.

Tonbridge 6, Sidcup 3.

Old Edwardians 8, Rugby 0.

Newbold 20, Nuneaton 3.

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable)—Rugby football, played on Saturday, had the following results:

Worthing 18, Littlehampton 8.

Bedford 8, Nottingham 5.

Bromsgrove 25, King's Heath 0.

Storrington 14, Worcester 8.

Old Centrals 14, Stratford-on-Avon 0.

Old Laurenians 5, Sutton Old Field 2.

Kidderminster 3, Dudley 0.

Maesteg 7, Morriston 4.

Glynneath 16, Treherbert 0.

Crumlin 8, Mountain Ash 3.

Skewen 11, Istow 3.

Gwernog 1, Clifton 3.

Abernant 19, Margodds 6.

Caerphilly 6, Senhydd 3.

Pontardawe 8, Hendy 3.

Talybont 3, Pill Harriers 3.

Old Craelianches 33, Old Stortfordians 6.

Eccles 11, King's College Hospital 9.

Southend 22, Old Birkham 3.

Old Haberdashers 12, London Rifles Brigade 6.

Blaenavon 3, Blains 0.

Chepstow 3, Lydney 0.

Cinderford 11, Hereford 3.

Ebbw Vale 9, Risca 3.

Darenth 6, Maidstone 5.

SEEKS ANOTHER TITLE

New York, Dec. 31—Willie Hoppe, world's 182 half-mile billiard champion, announced last night that when he had met the challengers for his 182 title, Welker Cochran and Jake Schaefer, he would attempt to win the world's 182 title.

The champion's three-cushion challenge will go to the winner of this season's three-cushion tournament for a 300-point match to be played before the end of May.

STRIBLING IS READY

New York, Dec. 31—Young Stribling, the youthfull aspirant for the world's light heavyweight boxing title, to-day put the finishing touches on his training for the twelve-round bout with Newark's to-morrow night.

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JOE MOORE A WINNER

Lake Placid, N.Y., Dec. 31.—Joe Moore, of New York, won the 200-metre race, and Valentine Bialas, of Lake Placid, placed first in the 150-metre event in the final tryout of the Olympic speed skating team here yesterday.

MORAN MEETS SHUGRUE

New York, Dec. 31—Pal Moran, New Orleans lightweight, and Johnny Shugrue, of Waterbury, Conn., who recently checked the semi-final advance of Leo Vincenti by outpointing him in a twelve-round match, will meet here next Friday night in a fifteen-round contest.

TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

New York, Dec. 31—Johnny Dunnigan's first battle in defence of the junior lightweight championship, which he regained recently from Jack Bernstein, of Yonkers, may be against Sammy Mandell, of Rockford III. Mandell arrived in New York yesterday to open negotiations for a match.

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THE STEP ON THE STAIR

BY ANNA KATHARINE GREEN

Author of
"The Leavenworth Case," "The Filigree Ball,"
"The Mystery of the Hasty Arrow," Etc.

At an early hour I summoned Haines. He came quickly; he had heard the news. But I ignored the fact, apparent as it was.

"Haines," said I, "you see me here. That is because my uncle's will has been found which grants me the right to give orders from this room. But I shall not abuse the devotion of those who have been so kind to me in order to give that will pleasure rather than disturb you. My cousin, Mr. Edgar, is not satisfied with things as they are. He will contest this will; he has told me so. This being so, I shall await events elsewhere. I have been incorporated in the Bartholomew mandarin. He offered to show it to me. I would not resist seeing it, so I ordered him sent up to my room.

and had a rather serious talk with the Inspector at the Police Station while I myself had made arrangements all of whom I excused myself with the exception of one. That one was an elderly man who had in his possession an old picture of the inn which had been incorporated in the Bartholomew mandarin. He offered to show it to me. I would not resist seeing it, so I ordered him sent up to my room.

At the first glimpse I got of this picture I understood much that I had been doubtful about before. The eighteen or twenty steps we had descended leading down from Uncle's closet were but the upper portion of the long flight originally running up from the ground to the large hall where entertainments had been given. The platform where we had found the box made the only break in the descent. They were at a level with the floor of the second story of the inn, and from certain indications visible in this old print I judged that it acted as the threshold of a door opening into this story, just as the upper one now represented by the floor of the stairs closed off into the great hall. The remaining portion of the building had been so disguised and added to by the clever architect, that only from the picture I was now studying could one see what it had originally been.

I was waiting with all the courage possible for some strong and decisive move to be made by Edgar or his lawyers, when the news came that he was ill. Greatly distressed by this news, I shall await events elsewhere. I have been incorporated in the Bartholomew mandarin. He offered to show it to me. I would not resist seeing it, so I ordered him sent up to my room.

He did not know what to say, or what to do. He looked from me to the note which he held, and from the note to me. I thought that his behaviour was unbecoming, and asked him if he would be good enough to get my bag for me from my old little room, and as he turned in evident relief to do this, I started down the stairs, presently followed by him to the front door, where he took me on his shoulders and handed me my hat. He wanted me to wait for the car, but I refused, acceding only to his request that I would allow him to send a boy to the hotel with my bag. As I passed down the walk I noticed that he closed the door very slowly.

The fact is I had left for Orphae were very simple, though they came from my heart. I merely wrote:

For your sake I leave thus unceremoniously. You are to be considered first in everything I do. Have confidence in me. All I seek is your happiness.

By night the whole town rang with the extraordinary news that I have just endeavored to convey to you. I had visited Mr. Jackson at his office

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CHURCH UNION MESSAGE ISSUED

Rev. Dr. Chown Sends New Year's Declaration to the Methodists in Canada

Mentions Seven Points in Favor of Union

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A New Year's message on church union has been issued by Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada. It is sent to the ministers of the denomination "with the sincerest hope and earnest desire that you will read it to your congregations as soon as you can make it convenient to do so."

"Having been requested to prepare a statement showing how the Methodist Church can be engaged in this movement," says Dr. Chown, "I will do so with the most perfect frankness. I will have definitely in mind answering the question so often asked by many persons outside, and some inside our church, 'Why is Methodism anxious for union?'

IN FAVOR OF UNION

Dr. Chown mentions seven points in favor of union, namely:

- That the present union is fully in accordance with the signs of the times and that the signs of the times are fingers of Providence pointing out the duty of the Christian church.
- That union is the natural expression of a religion of love.
- That the church believes that the contemplated union is an effort to answer the prayer of Christ that all who hear may be one in Christ as the world may believe in Christ as the one Son of God.
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- That the church believes that the United Church of Canada will be an expression of eminent value to the whole Christian world.
- That although the Methodist Church did not enter into this movement for the purpose of saving money, it does not believe that it has a commission to waste the Lord's men and the Lord's money in unnecessary duplication.
- That union is in the interest of Christian patriotism in Canada as helping to hold the various provinces of the Dominion in the spirit of unity and in the bonds of peace and prosperity.

MISSIONARY WORK

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QUEBEC PULP EXPERT VISITED OLD COUNTRY

St. John, N.B., Dec. 31.—Charles Maurice, of Chicoutimi, Quebec, was one of the passengers who arrived here yesterday on the Canadian Pacific steamship Montcalm from Liverpool. Mr. Maurice, who is an analyst in the employ of the Chicoutimi Pulp and Paper Mills, was in England in the interests of his company and made a number of tests of Canadian pulp. He found them absolutely satisfactory and told of the high regard for Canadian pulp in Europe. The pulp and paper mills of the Dominion are held in high esteem throughout the world, and the paper made from them is in demand in all parts of the world.

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21—Hon. Sir William Ralph Merey, Chief Justice of Ontario, 85.

24—Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin, American novelist, 64.

24—Admiral Baron Kato, Prime Minister of Japan, 64.

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WORLD UNREST THROUGHOUT 1923

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OCTOBER

1—Lieut.-Col. Francois Gourdeau, Deputy Minister, Ottawa, 77.

12—John W. Bengough, Canadian cartoonist, 74.

16—Samuel Brown, English educator, 86.

17—Ven. Archdeacon A. J. Balfour, Quebec, 77.

22—Sir Robert Cranston, Scottish businessman, 80.

24—John Macmillan, Ontario educator, 86.

26—Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, electrical engineer, Schenectady, N.Y., 58.

28—Auguste T. Leger, M.P., Kent County, N.B., 71.

30—Andrew Bonar Law, former Prime Minister of Britain, 65.

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13—Ernest Erangu, chief architect, Quebec Government, 66.

7—Dr. Alexander E. Garrow, surgeon, Montreal, 61.

13—Walter Dendy Sadler, English artist, 68.

20—Dr. Rudolf E. A. Havenstein, president of the Reichsbank, Berlin, 66.

20—Rev. Dr. John Clifford, English Baptist divine, 87.

20—Nell R. Macdonald ("Foghorn Macdonald") Montreal, pioneer, 63.

DECEMBER

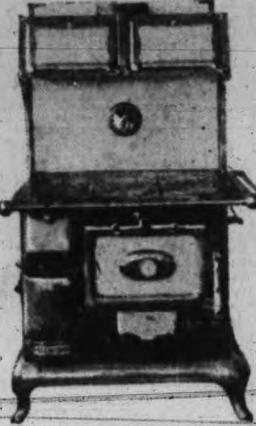
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EMPHATIC VOTE ON CRYSTAL GARDEN

Eight to One Majority For the
Amusement Centre
Large Poll For By-Law Was
Triumph of Organization

The vote of the Victoria electors on the Amusement Centre by-law on Saturday was as emphatic as the most optimistic supporter of the Crystal Garden could hope. By a poll of 2,909 to 325, and only fourteen spoiled papers—the decisive majority showed the opinion of the property owners. The total vote cast is within 400 of that for aldermen two weeks ago, and in view of the fact that the present voters also voted, the verdict is still more complete. In fact with the exception of a vote on one of the Johnson Street Bridge by-laws it is the best for a money by-law yet cast in the city. As a consequence the by-law received nearly a thousand more than the necessary three-fifths of the poll.

RATIFICATION

The necessary ratification by the City Council was given at a special meeting called for this afternoon. While the credit for the large vote must be divided among a number of persons, there can be no doubt that the Amusement Centre committee of the Chamber of Commerce deserves the most hearty praise for the way in which they handled the arrangements. All day long the committee room in the Westholme Block was directing the dispatch of cars, and the turnout of the women was an exception to the usual quietness of the place.

The voting was under the supervision of Returning Officer William Scowcroft, and was directed by Deputy Returning Officer E. P. Kay. Mayor Hayward, many of the members of the committee, and the campaign manager of the centre, were present. Only close of the poll, and some remained until the completion of the count. In every sub-division the figures were overwhelming, and as the ballots came out of the boxes, before they were tallied, it was quite obvious the measure would have an easy victory.

Mrs. Cuthbert Holmes, chairman of the committee, and Alfred Carmichael, a member of the committee, both voiced their sentiments, and C. W. P. Schwengen, president of the Chamber of Commerce, added his expression of satisfaction at the decision.

Some of the aldermen, particularly those who had worked with Alderman Todd to get the by-law before the people before the term of office of the present council expired, were particularly pleased.

STILL MECCA FOR MAKERS OF HISTORY

Many People Distinguished in
All Walks of Life Came to
Victoria in 1923

Victoria for many years, owing to its position on the highway of the world by sea and land, either through the Orient or the Antipodes had its full share of distinguished people in 1923.

Imperial functions in London were responsible for several visitors. Federal ministers were out here on administrative business, and there were unusually large numbers of people connected with the railway, financial and other commercial interests of the Dominion. The city felt the reflex action of the great gathering of educationists in Toronto early in the year, in that hosts of famous men like Sir Henry Newbold, Sir Michael Sadler and Sir Robert Baden Powell.

Accompanying is a list of the principal visitors:

January 12—Mischa Elman, violinist.

January 19 and June 22—Sir Henry Thornton, president Canadian National Railways.

January 20—Major-General Hon. W. A. Griesbach, soldier and senator.

February 2—Leopold Ornstein, pianist.

February 8—Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, South African financier and politician.

February 22—G. R. Crowe, Winnipeg grain expert.

February 27—Madge Kennedy, motion picture actress.

March 6—Alderman (now Mayor) Kenneth Blatchford, Edmonton, grain inquiry.

March 10—Edward Johnson, tenor.

March 16—Sir Henry Newbold, British author and poet.

March 24—Rosina Buckman, opera star.

April 22—Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell.

April 23—Sir Michael Sadler, British educationalist.

May 3—Major J. L. Retallack, back from West Africa.

May 4—Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister at Washington.

May 5—Dr. Chihien Taur, Chinese Consul General in Canada.

May 7—R. M. Clive, C.M.G., counsellor to British Legation, Peking.

June 15—Martin J. Egan, journalist.

June 14—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author and spiritualist.

June 15—Congressional party here from Alaska, en route to Washington.

June 17—Fritz Kreisler, musician.

June 17—Sir Edward Crowe, attached to British Embassy, Tokio.

June 18—Alex Sklarovsky, Russian pianist.

June 26—Col. J. S. Dennis, C.P.R. department head, Vancouver.

June 29—Hon. K. S. W. Lawson, Premier of Victoria, Australia.

July 10—Rev. Canon Scott, senior military chaplain.

July 11—L. S. Block, vice-president Illinois Steel Company, Chicago.

July 12—H. W. Craig, K.C., Attorney-general of Manitoba.

June 15 and August 14—K. E. Byram, president of Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

July 1—R. W. Davis, senior British Trade Commissioner in Canada.

July 18—J. S. McLean, British Empire exhibition commissioner.

July 28 and December 22—Hon. J.

Conventions Held Here During Year

The year has been an exceptional one for conventions. Chief among them are:

- February 21—Orangemen of B.C. April 13 and 14—Life Underwriters of B.C.
- May 22 and 23—Daughters of the Nile.
- June 1 and 2—Washington State Bankers.
- June 6, 7, 8 and 9—Moose Convention.
- June 6, 7 and 8—King's Daughters Association (national organization).
- June 26 to 29—Hundred Per Cent Club (national).
- June 26—Northwest Electric Light and Power Association (closing day).
- July 2—Northwest Stationers' Association.
- July 7—Dominion Convention (closing day).
- August 2—National American Wholesale Lumbermen.
- August 4—B.C. Funeral Directors.
- August 28 to 30—Photographers' Association.
- September 7 and 8—British Empire Forestry Convention (imperial).
- September 18—American Passenger Agents' Association.
- September 17 to 19—Association of Canadian Clubs (national body).
- September 27—Canadian Women's Press Club (last day).
- September 28 and 29—American College of Surgeons, Pacific Northwest section.
- December 12—Western Canada Livestock Union.

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mil by-law passed early in the year has been a very great help in bringing about so favorable a result.

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throughout B.C. will convene their first Parliament in the Legislative Buildings on January 2, when a three-day "Parliament" will commence.

Walter Owen, of Keys Square St. John's Church, has been chosen "Premier." A Victoria boy, Maxwell Maynard, becomes "Provincial Secretary." The remainder of the "Cabinet" follows:

Minister of Finance—Fred Higginbotham, Argos, Canadian Memorial Church, Vancouver.

Minister of the Intellectual Department—Roy Hay, New Westminster.

Minister of the Physical Department—Russell Robinson, Hustlers, Wallace Creek, Vancouver.

Minister of the Devotional Department—W. J. Bell, Live Wires.

Minister of the Service Department—Harold Galbraith, H. O. A. Square, Vernon.

Minister of Municipalities—Max Holman, Victoria.

The formation of the "Parliament" was the outcome of active and energetic work on the part of the members of Provincial Boys' Work Councils throughout B.C. The idea, that of fostering in the youth of to-day a love of public service, is a living one. Lines of boys' councils are run, spread like wildfire, and received warm assistance at every hand.

The youthful "legislators" will have the experience of professional wits in their "session" where all matters will be dealt with in a genuine session of the House. The boys will use a mace made for a similar body parliament in Alberta and loaned for the occasion. The affair will be an annual one, it is planned, and after the first "session" no adult aid will be required. The "members" of the "Junior House" will be functioning completely as a "legislative body."

The budget and programme of work to be laid before the youthful assembly will contain many matters dealing with boys' work in B.C. Notice the composition of the "Cabinet" and the other cabinet portfolio. The idea is one tried out with great success in other places, and will become firmly established here.

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THE CLEAN SLATE

"The milk supply of Victoria has never been under so satisfactory conditions as at the present time," Price.

"The number of cows which

have been tested during the year and certified healthy, which are supplying milk to the city is 2,278.

Comparing this number with those of other cities, I have the government reports for 1921 which show that Ottawa, Saskatchewan, Calcutta and Bengal had respectively 1,250, 1,815, 617, and 370 cows tested and certified as healthy, supplying milk to those cities. The